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SAMSON WOMAN INJURED IN WRECK - A Samson woman received serious injuries Saturday morning, June 6, as the result of a one-car accident at the intersection of Highway 87 South and the Old Samson Road. The driver, identified as Sherry Merritt, lost control at the intersection and struck a large pine tree head-on. She received a broken hip, crushed ankle and numerous broken bones and lacerations.

Commission to meet with Sheriff Paul before making decision

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 8, at the courthouse in Enterprise and rescinded an earlier motion to approve a change in the handling of pistol permit funds until the commission as a whole has an opportunity to meet with Sheriff Brice Paul.

Sheriff Paul had appeared at the previous meeting on May 25 and requested that the commission pass a resolution authorizing the entire \$10 pistol permit to go directly to the sheriff's budget. Paul stated the money would be used to purchase uniforms and the change from the sheriff receiving \$6 of the \$10 collected would actually save the commission money.

The commission agreed with the plan, however, later decided that the earmarking of the added funds should be written into the legislation and delayed final action.

Monday's meeting, the commission originally passed a resolution requesting Rep. Jimmy Holley to introduce legislation to allow the sheriff's department to receive all pistol permit funds received in the county, a change from the past when the sheriff received \$6 and the county's general fund the remaining \$4, with the stipulation the sheriff present an annual report on the actual amount of funds received.

The county attorney arrived at the meeting after the commission had passed the original resolution and suggested the commission place all pistol permit funds in a separate account and approve expenses from the sheriff's department as they are requested. This plan, according to Rowe, would give the commission checks and balances on the actual spending of the funds.

The commission agreed with the attorney's suggestion; however, delayed any action except to rescind the earlier resolution until the sheriff could meet with the commission and discuss the entire plan in detail.

Monday's bi-monthly meeting began at 9:00 and after the routine approval of the minutes, opened bids for asphalt materials to be used at the new agriculture building at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Wiregrass Construction received the contract with a bid of \$34.80 per ton for the asphalt, while the only other bidder was Couch, Inc., with a bid of \$35.70 per ton.

In other action at the meeting, the commission tabled a request for a pay raise for court reporters and figures could be presented comparing the supplement of surrounding counties.

***agreed to give all highway department employees off from July 3-13 as part of annual vacation and as a day off for the Fourth;

***stated two garbage contractors behind in payments for dumping at the landfill would be given 10 days to pay their bills or have dumping privileges stopped;

***took no action on a request from an employee to accumulate vacation leave up to 280 days instead of 240 days as now given;

***heard Judge Brunson report that he had been appointed co-chairman of a committee to improve and 4-lane Highway 84 from Mississippi to Georgia;

***was told roof repairs at the county jail had been completed;

***was told that legislation concerning the tobacco tax had been introduced;

***approved a request to clean out a dirt pit near Wesley Chapel as agreed upon by the previous engineer;

***heard reports of trees on right-of-way needing to be cut down;

***agreed to scrape the parking lot at Basin Baptist Church with the understanding the church would pave the lot;

***agreed to install two sewer pipes for the City of Kinston, with the city to provide the pipe;

***was told two bridges on dirt roads had been closed due to the condition of the structures and that the roads would be closed until repairs could be made;

***received approximately \$537 from the Deer Shrine Club as the county's share of the money raised at the fair during the Chicken Festival;

***and agreed to start bush-hogging county rights-of-way.

Five teachers retire from schools

The Elba City School Board met last Thursday evening, said goodbye to one member and welcomed a new member to the meetings. Butch Oggs was completing his term and was given a plaque of appreciation for his service. Gareth Lindsey was welcomed to the board as he began a five-year term.

Resigning teachers were the main order of business. Supt. C.W. Crews presented letters from five teachers who are leaving the Elba system. Three of these are retiring: Mrs. Sammy Morrow, from second grade; Mrs. JoAnne Rainer, from fifth grade; and Mr. Waylon Sharpless, high school counselor.

Mrs. Barbara Amos, special education, resigned because her husband had accepted a position as assistant district attorney in Dothan and band director Danny Davis resigned to take a position in his home state of Arkansas.

The board also approved Crews' intent-to-transfer request for Mrs. Beth DuBoise from middle school to elementary. Mrs. Pearl Amison from middle school back to junior high, and Mrs. Lynn Cook from

Chapter 1 (part-time) to full time Spanish teacher in the high school.

Tom Maddox was named chairman of the board for the next year and Nadean White will serve as vice-chairman. Historically, the vice-chairman moves up to the chair the following year.

Crews gave board members a brief report on legislative matters and also stated he didn't believe the board would have to borrow any money this year. He credited this largely to the strong sales tax checks being received from the countywide 1-cent sales tax.



RECEIVES PLAQUE - Outgoing Elba Board of Education member Butch Oggs was presented a plaque prior to last week's meeting. Making the presentation was Dr. Bill Cowart, chairman of the school board during Oggs' last year as a member.

AEC rebate may add \$40,000 to Water & Electric funds

The Water and Electric Board met Tuesday evening for a very short agenda. After paying the monthly bills of \$19,070.80 and reviewing the overall financial status of the board, the meeting was adjourned.

The records indicate the utility is continuing to make money with the electric sales, lose money in the water department, both in town and with the rural system installed several years ago. The maintenance of the sewer system lift station continues to be a dead loss to the utility department.

The accounts receivable total \$152,609.41, and most of that involves current accounts due by June 15. However, there are past due accounts totaling \$5655.26, due from 52 residential and commercial accounts. These range from \$5 up to one over \$1600. Ten meters have been pulled for non-payment and these accounts total \$1195.28 while bad checks totaling \$421.88 have been received. Five of these six checks have been turned over to the courts for collection.

Board member Jack Prescott, who also represents Elba on the board of Alabama Electric Co-op, announced that the Co-op was rebating an additional one mill on each kWh sold to Elba. He said this would amount to about \$36 or \$40 thousand a year and is in addition to two mills already being paid.

According to Prescott, this is due to the drop in cost of coal purchased to generate the electricity. This rebate will last several months but could be rescinded if fuel costs jump higher.

While none of this will be returned directly to the local utility customers, it should keep the system solvent and prevent any increases in the near future, according to board members.

City Council hears complaints concerning land lines

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, with all members present and voting. The only person appearing before the council was Mr. Lamar Hall who was present concerning land lines and public streets. His problem was turned over to the city attorney for clarification. Hall had suggested this action and was promised an answer soon.

hopefully by the next city council meeting in two weeks.

Bills totaling \$12,415.67 were approved for payment. They included \$590 for pool chlorine; \$400 insurance; \$440 asphalt; \$1050 for weed spray; \$3350 for gas and oil; \$1397.34 for legal aid concerning the flood control ordinance required by the federal government.

Current gasohol tax exemption is costing state \$12 million annually

Special to The Elba Clipper By: Tim Jackson

Every time you stop at your favorite service station to fill up, you may be costing Alabama valuable dollars for its highways.

In May, 1980, the Alabama State Legislature passed a bill exempting "gasohol" from a state three-cent sales tax. Now, according to the State Highway Dept., the exemption is costing Alabama millions of dollars in highway funding.

We estimate the gasohol tax exemption will cost (the Alabama State Highway Dept.) around \$11 or \$12 million this year," said Associate Director Don Lucas of Alabama's highway department.

"That is a substantial amount, especially considering the matching federal funds we are also losing. The federal government matches the state at an 82 percent federal to 18 percent state ratio."

But many state legislators say they have the best interests of Alabama's farmers in mind and therefore are against repealing the exemption. Corn is the most common product used in the production of ethanol which is then mixed with gasoline to form gasohol, and many believe the farmers will suffer if the exemption is repealed.

One such opinion is that of State Rep. Jimmy Holley, D-Elba, who says the repeal "will hurt" Alabama farmers. "Every bushel of corn that Alabama farmers can use in making gasohol is a bushel of corn sold for profit and more must be produced to replace that bushel," Holley said. "Alabama's farmers are now in enough problems as things are now and he was 'not going to take anything else away from them.'"

But John H. Dorrill Jr., executive director of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, said repealing the gasohol exemption would hurt Alabama farmers indirectly. Dorrill agreed that Alabama is a corn import state but the said that agriculture is "an international business" and its effects outside of Alabama would hurt the Alabama farmers.

According to Dorrill, as long as the tax exemption remains, the corn

farmers of the Midwest would continue their production of corn and not produce soybeans. This lack of competition from soybeans would then help Alabama farmers. "The state would then help Alabama farmers. This statement was called 'absurd' by State Sen. Roser Bedford, D-Russellville. "The state is losing a lot of money and Alabama farmers are not benefitting," Bedford said. "Why would we subsidize other states' farmers causing us to have unsafe roads and bridges?"

Gov. Guy Hunt's press secretary, Terry Abbott, said the governor would not make a stand on the gasohol issue either for or against the tax exemption.

Gray said one reason for Gov. Hunt's unwillingness to take a stand may stem from the fact that the state's second largest provider of gasohol is Jet-Pep, Inc. of Holly Pond, Gov. Hunt's home town. Russell Petroleum of Montgomery is the largest in the state.

Gray said that several petroleum companies use gasohol and do not tell the public it is not gasoline.

"To my knowledge only one of the gasohol users in the state informs its customers that it is using gasohol instead of gasoline and that is Crown," Lucas said. "They have a sign on their pumps that says 'Ethanol Enhanced.'"

This problem has also caught the eye of legislators who have responded with a proposed labeling law to go with the exemption repeal bill. This law, if passed, would require service stations using gasohol to label it on their pumps with three-inch black letters on a yellow background.

South Alabama Electric Coop to hold open house June 17

South Alabama Electric Cooperative will host a 50th anniversary Open House at their headquarters on Highway 231 South of Troy on Wednesday, June 17, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. SAEC distributes electricity to over 11,000 meters in Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties. Tours of the headquarters will be available throughout the afternoon. A small gift will be available for the first 250 to register.

Door prizes including a television, electric grill and ceiling fan will be awarded at 6 p.m. All those registered throughout the afternoon will be eligible for the prizes. Refreshments will also be served.

National Security reports increased earnings for quarter

National Security Insurance Company reported net operating earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 1987, of \$778,482 or 77 cents per share. These results compare with a net operating income of \$277,653 or 27 cents per share for the first quarter of 1986.

In addition the company had realized capital gains of \$448,959 or 44 cents per share and an extraordinary item consisting of a tax loss carry-forward of \$245,000 or 24 cents per share for a total earnings of \$1,472,441 or \$1.45 per share versus total earnings of \$818,357 or 80 cents per share in the first quarter of 1986.

Premium income for the first three months of 1987 was \$6,789,623 versus \$5,827,242 for the first quarter of 1986, an increase of 16.5 percent. Investment income was up 17.5 percent (\$857,665 compared to \$729,721).

J.R. Brunson, president, said, "Earnings for the quarter were up 81 percent over the first quarter of 1986. These results reflect a continuation of the same factors which impacted 1986's record results good underwriting, a strong stock market, and a tax loss carry-forward."

With its home office in Elba, National Security Insurance Company sells a complete line of life, fire and casualty insurance policies. Its shares are traded in the over-the-counter market under the NASDAQ symbol of NSIC.

Foshee to serve on committee

Sen. E.C. "Crum" Foshee of Andalusia, has been elected to serve as chairman of the Joint Legislative Highway Committee for the 1987-90 quadrennium.

COLORED BACKGROUND

Brainstorms

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

There have been several meetings around the Wiregrass lately to discuss the future of Highway 84, which now comes through downtown Elba. Several proposals presented call for the rerouting of this U.S. highway away from Elba. This is a bit alarming - but more alarming is the fact that not one Elba elected official has attended a single meeting to defend Elba on this project. Last week the city clerk did go to the meeting in Andalusia, but an official of the highway department didn't even realize he was there; maybe because they have learned over the years to listen to those who are elected. We can understand an occasional conflict - even forgetting once in a while - but that excuse doesn't work for everyone every time. Frankly we share the feelings of disgust that brought this to our attention.

Taking this matter further we remember a public hearing held at the Elba City Hall on the proposal to extend Highway 84 straight across Davis Street to an area about Dorsey Trailers. Not one elected city official attended this meeting and it was duly noted by folks from the state highway department. Now if this was good or bad, the people of Elba deserve to have their elected officials representing them. After all, that was supposedly the reason they ran for office. We have another example or two, but maybe we have gotten our message across.

We do want to take time to salute city council member Gladys Yelverton for attending a luncheon Saturday with a prospective doctor being recruited for Elba. We could say she was doing her duty, which is true, but we also know she had been at the hospital all night the previous night with a sick relative. It would have been real easy for her to make excuses or just not show up.

The schools have received the results from national standardized tests given to the students during the last school year. We have looked at these numbers and... well, the Elba students didn't do so hot. In fact, when we start comparing we will probably find that Elba bucked the national trends and dropped a few points. The next question is - WHY? - and we don't have a good answer.

Dorsey Trailers and the local union have reached an agreement on a new four-year contract, according to several of the rank-and-file workers. They had a meeting at the schoolhouse several weeks ago and took a vote. We didn't know what kind of contract had been worked out between management and the workers, but they were holding our breath it would be agreeable to both sides. We felt the company needed to be building and selling trailers, and the workers were saying they needed those weekly paychecks. We can relate to both needs. We feel now that congratulations are in order to all involved and we hereby extend ours at this time. We don't feel the newspaper is the place to debate union contracts but we can do a good job of putting folks on the back after the fact.



COMPUTER CLUB RECOGNIZED - Members of the Computer Club at Enterprise State Junior College were recognized for their contributions to the club during the past year. Shown at the All Clubs Banquet are (from left) - Wanda Flowers, sponsor; Rick Kotnik and Karen Upshaw, Enterprise; Donna Becker, Louisville; Barbara Lacey and Billy Williams, Enterprise; Scott Flowers, Elba; Mary Merritt and Rick Francis, Enterprise; Tom Lowe, Daleville; and Cherise Vaughn, sponsor.



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Coffee-Geneva County State Employees Association To Meet June 16

The Coffee-Geneva County Chapter of the Alabama State Employees Association will hold their regular monthly meeting on June 16, 1987 at 7:00 A.M. at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Enterprise.

Dr. Karen Newton, Director of the Alabama State Employees Ret-

irement Systems, will be guest speaker at the meeting. Mr. Barry Mack State Field Representative from Montgomery, will also attend to give an update on legislative bills pertaining to state employees.

All ASEA members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

It May Be Time To But Your Tag

The staggered system for licensing, registration and taxation of motor vehicles is implemented in Coffee County, and a list of months and first letters of last names are listed as follows:

January	AD
February	B
March	CE
April	F, G, N
May	H, O

JUNE	M, I
July	P, L
August	J, K, R
September	Q, S, T
October	U, V, W, X, Y, Z
trucks, mobile homes, commercial and fleet vehicles.	
November - trucks, mobile homes, commercial and fleet vehicles.	

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Mulaz and Readers,

I have two concerns I would like to share with our community. They are related to the contemporary religious scene.

First, I am concerned about the critical focus which has been directed toward certain "religious" personalities during the past several weeks. They have been focused upon because of their "questionable" practices and lifestyles. The contemporary media and comedians have had a "field-day" as a result of these questionable actions. Edwin Markham said, "The impolite are the best teachers of good manners." That statement is fine -- if WE learn from those who act improperly and live our lives in a better way. However, my fear is that many who have been critical of religious personalities have gotten a sort of "sick pleasure" from being able to point an accusing finger at them. (Some are glad they can call attention to the bad actions of others). The tragedy is that many who are calling attention to the faults of others are not trying to improve their own lives.

Second, I am concerned about the

lack of attention given to religious people who are "sincere." The word sincere, as it appears in Philipian 1:10, means "to judge by light." The presence of faulty vessels in the ancient marketplace gave rise to an interesting practice. Vessels were held up in the light and observed. Those without cracks or other faults were called "sincere." The light is quite revealing. Each person will come into vantage points when those around him will see his life in the light. My fear is that many of us fail to pick the sincere as our examples. There are sincere Christians in our society. Where are they? They are where they've always been -- few and far between! They don't make many headlines. They get little attention. But they are keeping Christianity alive in this world.

I have two hopes. One, I hope we will learn from the improper actions of our fellow humans when they fail -- as well as from our own improper actions. Two, I hope we will focus our attention on those who are sincere.

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OBITUARIES

JOE BRUCE WISE

Mr. Joe Bruce Wise, age 57, Rt. 1, Kinston, died June 4, 1987.

Funeral services were held June 6, from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Ned Young officiating. Burial was in New Home Cemetery with Hayes directing.

Survivors include his mother - Thelma Harrison Wise, Kinston, (father - late Leroy Wise); two daughters: Sara Jane Hart and Miss Dana Wise, both of Tupelo, Miss.; three brothers: Bill Wise, Lake City, Fla.; Paul Wise, Natchez, Miss.; Mack Wise, Houston, Tex.

Five sisters: Louise Kyle, Pittsview, Ala.; Mary Ruth Mack, Kinston; Patricia Thurlow, Panama City, Fla.; Miss June Wise, Ocala; Constance Webb, Jacksonville, Wis.

JOHN JACKSON "Jack" MOORE
Mr. John Jackson "Jack" Moore, age 66, of Mt. Vernon, died June 7, 1987.

Funeral services were held June

9, 1987, graveside at Evergreen Cemetery, with Rev. Roy Carter officiating. Hayes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include one brother: Glen Moore, Nashville, Tenn.; eight sisters: Louise Clark, Troy; Kitty Johnson, Montgomery; Irene Thomlin, Millbrae, Calif.; Erle Crook, Elba; Virginia Head, Thorby; Grace Walsh and Jean Weaver, both of Birmingham; Gladys Webb, Cullman.

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POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported an active week with a total of 4 arrests (criminal trespass - 2, possession of forged instrument and disorderly conduct) and 10 traffic citations (driver's license revoked - 2, driving under the influence - 5, no driver's license, blocking highway and passing in a prohibited zone). Following are daily activity reports:

MONDAY, JUNE 1
Activity included a complaint involving a theft at Morrow Village (6:04 p.m.), a car on fire at the Big Bear parking lot (6:12 p.m.), a complaint of harassing communications (7:50 p.m.) and a theft at Stoudermeir St. (11:44 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
Activity included a vehicle on fire at Dixie Ford (6:37 p.m.), a complaint of dogs barking at Reese St. (8:00 p.m.) and a complaint of unwanted guests at Mullins Apts. (8:02 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
Activity included a prowler at Little Beaver Apts. (12:56 a.m.) and

a possible burglary on Buford St. (7:03 a.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Activity included a vehicle on fire at State Farm (12:00 p.m.) and a prowler at Kennedy Estates (11:45 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 5
Activity included a wreck on the Old Samson Road (8:05 a.m.), a wreck on Hickman Ave. (11:39 a.m.), a wreck at the Dairy Queen parking lot (12:09 p.m.) and a disturbance at Coleman's Cafe (11:31 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Activity included a suspicious motorist at Herman Driggers Drive and County Road 79 (6:28 a.m.), a possible intoxicated driver on Johnson St. (9:06 a.m.), a wreck at the intersection of 875 & County Rd.

25 (10:35 a.m.), a wreck on the Old River Road (10:12 p.m.) and a complaint concerning possible intoxicated pedestrians at Hardee's (11:28 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
Activity included a fight at the washateria in the Heights (6:07 p.m.) and a disturbance on Reynolds St. (6:50 p.m.).

MONDAY, JUNE 8
Routine activity reported.

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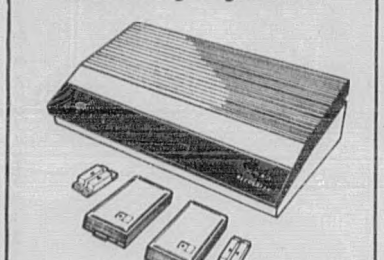
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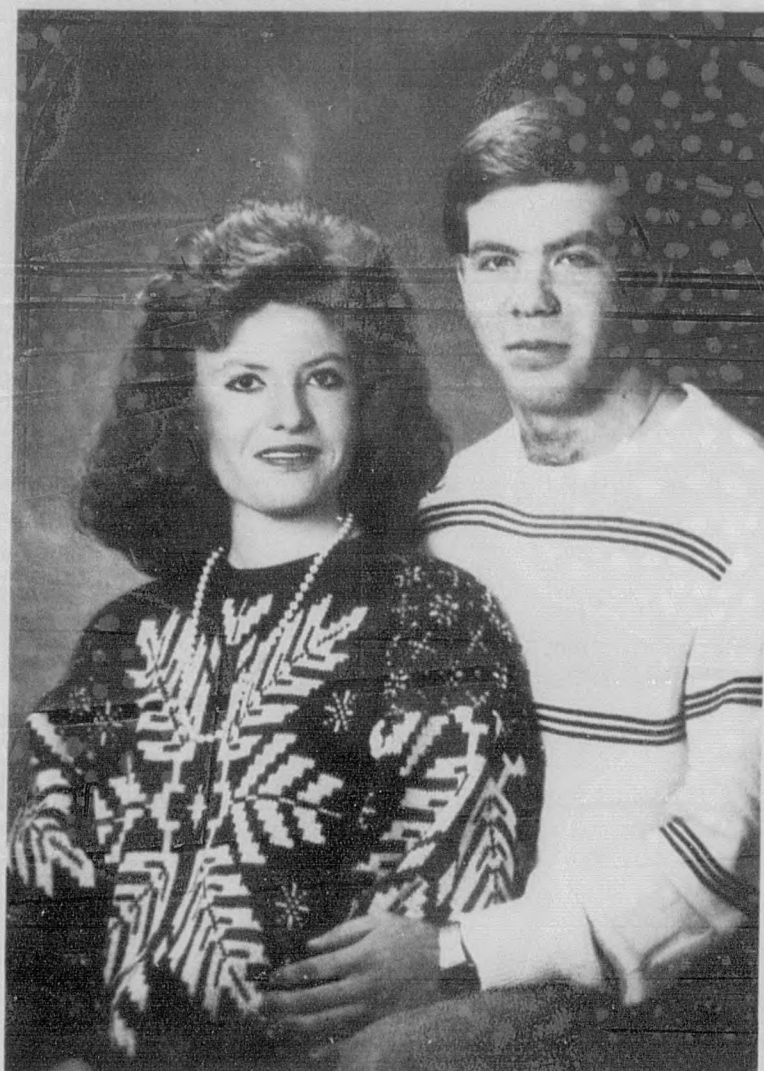
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Dorothy Sue Purvis & Darren Keith

Stevens Announce Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Purvis of Enterprise would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Sue Purvis to Darren Keith Stevens, son of Mr. Jacob H. Stevens of Enterprise and Joan Stevens of Elba.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Enterprise High School. The groom is a 1985 graduate of Elba High School and a member of the United States Army.

Upon completion of his military training the couple will reside at Fort Stewart, in Savannah, Georgia.

June 19 Wedding Set For Annie Felicia

Johnson & Mark William Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnson of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Alcus W. Davis of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Annie Felicia and Mark William.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. J.W. Johnson and the late Mrs. Annie Johnson of Ino; Mr. Hollis Lolley of Samson and Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Kauls of Dothan.

The future groom's grandparents are Mrs. Annie P. Kelley and the late Mr. Edlow Kelley of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. David H. Davis of Fairview.

A garden wedding is planned for June 19 at seven o'clock in the evening at the home of the parents of the bride-elect.

No formal invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding.

The couple will reside in the Enterprise-Elba area.



Miss Johnson

Hussey - Miley Wedding Is Event Of May 30

Patricia Denise Hussey and William Royce Miley were united in marriage May 30 at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Chestnut Grove Methodist Church. Rev. Ben Anning officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are L.P. and Sylvia Hussey of Elba; Diane Worley of Troy and Don Miley of Troy.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Hussey of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Faircloth of Brundidge; Mrs. Leila Smith of Jack and the late Von D. Smith, Mrs. Madeline Miley of Troy and the late Robert Miley of Troy.

A program of music was presented by Pat Cape, who also sang "The Wedding Song."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was beautiful in a princess style tea-length gown of white lace, with a V-neckline and puffed sleeves. She wore a tiara halo of seed pearls and white silk rosebuds in her hair, her only jewelry was a string of pearls with matching earrings.

She carried a large bouquet of white daisies, baby's breath, pink rosebuds intertwined with ivy and pink and white streamers.

Mary Jo Hussey, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. Phyllis Danford was maid of honor.

They wore tea-length gowns of pink with puffed sleeves and sweetheart necklines with dropped waistlines.

They carried bouquets of white daisies and pink rosebuds with pink and white ribbon streamers.

Tim Brunson of Jack served as the groom's best man. Groomsman were Chris Miley, brother of the groom, and Dwan Pope.

Miss Jane Davis registered the guests and Mrs. Kathy Bragg directed the wedding.

The reception, hosted by the bride's parents, was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the ceremony.

The bride's table was covered with a white lace cloth and held nine white three-tiered cake, separated by cupid and columns. It was topped by the traditional bride and groom and decorated with pink sugar roses.

The cake was served by Miss Karen Williams, Miss Terri Shiver and Miss Anita Senn.

The groom's cake was chocolate covered with grapes. His table held the crystal punch service and the bride and groom's crystal goblets, a gift from the bride's maternal grandmother, the late Mrs. Eula Faircloth.

The cake was served by Dana Miley, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Mary Davis. The stained glass windows provided the background for the cake tables.

For her wedding trip, Mrs. Miley chose a pink dress and matching accessories, with a rose corsage from her bouquet.

The couple will reside at Jack.

PRE-NUPTIAL PARTIES

The after-rehearsal dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lance Worley, mother of the groom, at the

home of Mrs. Leila Smith.

Lunch

The bride's mother hosted the bridesmaid's luncheon on April 18 at a steak house in Enterprise. Attendees Mary Jo Hussey and Phyllis Danford enjoyed the meal with the bride-elect and her mother, Mrs. Sylvia Hussey.

Miscellaneous Shower

Miss Hussey was honored on May 9 with a miscellaneous shower at the Victoria Community House, hosted by the women of Victoria and Jack and Communities.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a pink silk flower corsage.

The reception area was decorated in the bride's colors of pink and white, with pink carnations on the registry table.

The refreshment table was covered with a pink cloth with pink and white flowers encircling the punch bowl.

The gift table was covered with a white cloth and held a pitcher of pink roses as focal point.

Hostesses were Mary Davis, Mrs. Leslie Hussey, Mrs. Doris Thomas, Mrs. Margean Miller, Mrs. Nell Shiver, Mrs. Shirley Pope, Mrs. Vivian Brunson, Mrs. Rosa Green, Mrs. Chelita Hodge.

Lingerie Shower

A lingerie shower was given for Miss Hussey on May 14 at the home of Mary Davis. Other hostesses were Jane Davis, Mrs. Jo Hussey and Phyllis Danford. They presented the honoree with a pink silk carnation corsage.

The gift table was covered in white lace with a white and pink umbrella.

The refreshment table was covered with pink cloth, candles in white milk glass and crystal punch bowl with pink and white carnations. Crystal bowls were used for the nuts and chip and dip.

Miscellaneous shower

The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Chestnut Grove Methodist Church



Mr. and Mrs. William Royce Miley

on May 16. The hostesses presented her with a pink silk rose corsage.

Hostesses were Mrs. Allie Allen, Mrs. Connie Clower, Mrs. Willie Mae Griswold, Mrs. Annette Griswold, Mrs. Mary Jo Hussey, Mrs. Marge Carroll, Mrs. Carolyn Daughtry, Mrs. Ouida Cotton, Mrs. Mary Cape.

The church was decorated in pink and white. Crystal dishes and crystal punch bowl were used for

serving refreshments.

Surprise Party

Miss Hussey was honored May 29 with a surprise party after her graduation from high school.

Guests were Royce Miley, Chris Miley, Dana Miley, Leslie Hussey, Mary Jo Hussey, Patrick Hussey, Wayne and Sandi Hussey, Mary Davis, Wayne Davis, Jane Davis, Tim Brunson, Dwan Pope and Jason Hussey.

Elba Organizes Unit In Heart Association

The organizational board meeting of the Elba unit of the Coffee County Heart Association was held Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peoples Bank with 13 members present.

Mrs. Lois Holt presided in the absence of Judge Marion Brunson, vice president, who was out of town. Susan McCarty, Southeast Regional Director of the American Heart Association, presented each officer and committee chairman with an information packet and explained their duties.

Officers of the Elba unit are: Vice president - Judge Marion Brunson

Secretary-Publicity - Mrs. Alma Peters, Mrs. Annette Hammonds

Treasurer-Memorials - Mrs. Mary Alice Lee

Education Committee - Dr. Donald Crook, Mr. Earl Peters, Mr. Paul Grummer, Mr. William M. Patton Jr.

Fund Raising Committee: Mrs. Charlotte Hobson, Mrs. Iva McCreary, Miss Jeannette Garrett, Rev. Larry Powell, Mrs. Lois Holt, Mrs. Dixie Dorsey, Mrs. Eleanor Senn.

Anyone wishing to send a

memorial gift to the American Heart Association should contact Mrs. Mary Alice Lee at 897-6850, or mail donations to Mrs. Lee at Rt. 5, Elba, AL 36523.

The next meeting will be held August 25, at 7 p.m. at the Community Room of the Peoples Bank. All citizens of Elba are urged to become a part of this organization.

Cordelia Street Senior Citizens Meet

The Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met for their weekly get-together on June 4 and cooked the fish they caught last week - and fished some more!

The group enjoyed a fish lunch picnic under the trees at the pond. Those attending included: Ruthie Blanton, Grace Goodson, Zedie Bouyer, Bill Blair, Mary Longfellow, Myrl Burkett, Mattie Lou Goodson, Arthur Blackman, Pearl Farmer, Don Boline, Pearl Thomaston, Barbara Dean, Dixie Mae Maddox, Frances Shaboo and Jimbo, Marvin and Winslow Matthews, Pinkie Spinks, Rosa Coon, Arnold Ammonds, Marion Brunson, M. Boline and Wanda Sasser.

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Shiver - Senn Announce Plans For Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shiver announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Terri Lynn to Vinson Ladon

Senn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Senn of Rt. 1, Jack.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. James Young Smith

and the late Mrs. Dessie Mae Smith, of Rt. 1, Jack; also Mrs. Grace Shiver and the late Mr. Aubrey D. Shiver of Victoria.

She is a 1984 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is now employed at June English's State Farm Insurance Office in Elba.

The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Nell Holloway of Jack, and L.L. and Diane Miller of Rt. 2, Troy,

and Mrs. Jewel Senn and the late Mr. Claude Senn of Brundidge.

He is a 1983 graduate of Zion Chapel High School.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, June 27, at six o'clock in the evening at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with ceremony to be performed by Rev. Ben Anning.

No invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Miss Shiver - Mr. Senn

OUTSTANDING ENGLISH STUDENT AT ESJC - Roberta Hunt of Enterprise received the Most Outstanding English Student award at the 14th annual Honors Assembly held recently at Enterprise State Junior College. Receiving certificates of excellence in English are (from left) Amy Flowers of Ozark; Kathryn Grigsby, Ozark; Charles Kirby, Enterprise; Kenneth Lay, Chancellor; Christine McComb and Annmarie McGarry of Enterprise; Jeffrey Moon, Daleville; Janet Stewart, Jack; and Hunt.

Coffee County Junior Miss Pageant Set For July 25 In Elba

The Coffee County Junior Miss

Pageant will be held July 25, sponsored by the Elba Jaycees.

Girls entering the 12th grade during the 88-89 school year and residents of Coffee County are invited to become part of the "spirit of Junior Miss."

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NOTES IN PASSING...

The Elba Volunteer Fire Dept. sponsored a softball tournament last weekend in Elba and a total of 20 teams competed for the first-place trophy. The Chicken Shack of Luverne won the event, and Geneva Sheet Metal finished second; while Elba's Cook Chevrolet and Elba Merchants tied for 5th place and played well. Other local teams in the tournament included the City Merchants and Del D'Life, both of which won 2 games before being eliminated. It's good to see the Elba teams play well, but it's also good to see so many teams compete and show good sportsmanship. The tournament went off without a hitch and ended almost 30 minutes ahead of schedule after a total of 39 games - which ain't too bad!

The tournament last weekend was the third of the summer in Elba and the tournaments have drawn a total of 77 teams, including 66 out of town. I don't get too many chances to leave the ball park during the tournament, but from all indications the fast food establishments have enjoyed the tournaments as much as anyone and the extra business is always good to have. I'd have to say that this summer Elba has had as much positive reaction from outsiders as ever before and hope there is even more to come.

The Babe Ruth Baseball League will announce its All-Star team next week and this year the Elba All-Stars will play host to the District Tournament. Teams from Andalusia, Opp and Brundidge will join Elba in the event, which is to be held at Legion Field, and the Elba squad seems to have a very good shot at winning the title. Elba's league is filled with talented players and maybe the homefield advantage will give the locals the needed spark to claim the title. Make your plans to come out the second week in July to watch the All-Stars compete.

The Elba High School junior cheerleaders are at the University of Alabama this week attending a week-long cheerleading clinic and the cheerleaders are working hard to be the best squad around when the football and basketball seasons roll around. The squad, which raised the money needed to attend the camp with the help of local citizens, will practice all areas of cheerleading approximately 10 hours a day and also compete with other squads from across the state in certain areas of skills. Elba's girls will be one of the youngest squads at the camp, with five seventh-graders out of eight cheerleaders, and will compete and practice with varsity squads from much larger schools; however, I know the girls have been working hard to get ready and will come back with many new ideas and cheers - not to mention awards!

Renovation work on the Elba football field was completed last week and the only thing left to do now is to keep the field watered and watch the grass grow. The playing field will have a new look this season with a larger green and will also be centered on the playing surface, approximately five yards farther from the home stands. The centering of the field will make it safer for the players who go out of bounds on the home side and will also make it safer for the fans as they enter the field while a kicker is warming up. When you go to a game this year take time out to look at the field - it took a lot of work and a lot of money!

The Elba Recreation Dept. is sponsoring an Advanced Babe Ruth baseball team again this season and the players are traveling to Opp and Andalusia for games with the other teams in the league. Elba coach Robert Bowden works off-shore and is home only every other week; however, Robert solved that problem by scheduling all the team's games when he was at home, which means he must work one week and then work with the team on his week off. It takes dedicated coaches to develop good players and Robert Bowden is certainly one of the most devoted around!

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Cardinals & Pirates Begin To Pull Away From Field In Dixie Youth Baseball

The Cardinals and Pirates continued to dominate Dixie Youth Baseball League action last week as both front-runners claimed two wins to extend their leads over the field. The Cardinals lead the league with an 8-1 record, while the Pirates stand at 7-1. Following the two leaders are the Tigers 6-4, Mets 3-6, Astros 2-7 and Yankees 0-8.

Following are last week's highlights:

Cardinals 19
Yankees 9

The Cardinals led all the way to pound the Yankees 19-9. The Cardinals jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead and coasted to the easy win.

Eric Simmons, Lance McCollough, Kevin Bryan and Joe Jacobs all got 2 hits for the Cardinals, while Brett Bimbo got 2 hits for the Yankees.

Tigers 11
Mets 10

The Tigers jumped out to an early lead and held on to nip the Mets 11-10. The Tigers pulled out to an early 9-4 lead, but had to hold off a late Met rally to post the win. Keith Grantham, Greg Thigpen and Todd Grantham all got 2 hits for the Tigers, while Cory Driggers and Ron Bryan got 2 hits for the Mets.

Pirates 14
Astros 9

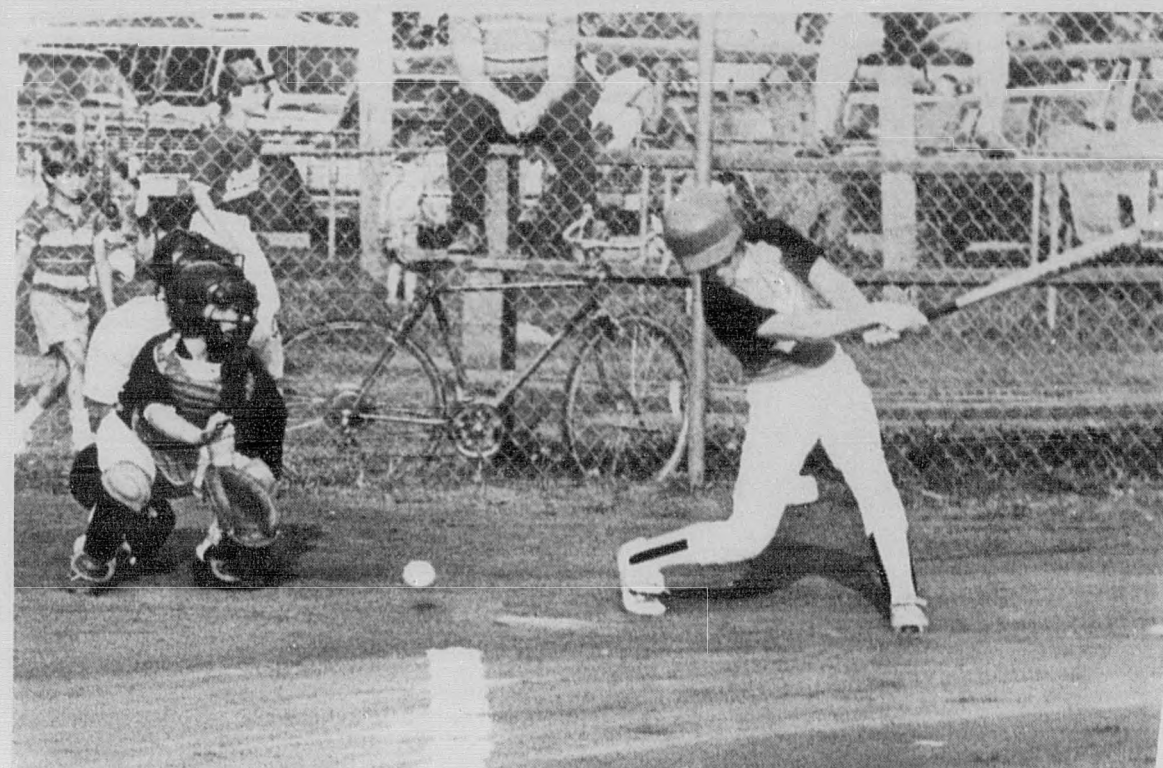
The Pirates led all the way to jump the Astros 14-9. The Pirates pulled out to a quick 10-2 lead and held on to post the win.

Jason Free got 4 hits for the Pirates, while Jamie Brockton, Zack Steele, Vincent Thigpen and Che Vaughan all added 2. Thomas Smith and Chris Hodge got 2 hits apiece for the Astros.

Cardinals 6
Tigers 4

The Cardinals jumped ahead early and held on to rip the Tigers 6-4. The Cardinals grabbed a 6-2 lead in the third inning and turned back the Tigers to remain atop the standings.

Eric Simmons and Kevin Bryan got 2 hits apiece for the Cardinals,



SWING AND A MISS... A Pirates batter misses a low pitch during Dixie Youth action. Yankee catcher Blake Boutwell goes down to scoop up the strike in a game won by the Pirates, a team battling for first place in the league.

while Greg Thigpen got 2 hits for the Tigers.

Mets 6
Astros 2

Ron Bryan pitched a 2-hitter and struck out 11 batters to lead the Mets to a 6-2 win over the Astros. The Mets jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the

third inning and rode the pitching of Bryan to the impressive win.

Cory Driggers and Ron Bryan got 2 hits each for the Mets, while Thomas Smith got a hit and scored for the Astros.

Pirates 14
Yankees 3

The Pirates kept pace with the Cardinals by blasting the Yankees 14-3. The Pirates jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and rolled to the easy win.

Jamie Brockton ripped 3 hits, including 2 home-runs, to lead the Pirates, while Vincent Thigpen added 2 hits.

Status Of Fishing At Lake Eufaula Is Explained By State

Controversy regarding the status of fishing in Lake Eufaula has drawn the following response from Game and Fish Director Charles D. Kelley of the Department of Conservation.

"Lake Eufaula has been one of the best bass fishing lakes in the country since its impoundment. Over the years, literally tons of bass have been harvested from Lake Eufaula, some of those years have provided both good and poor fishing.

"Fishing during 1968 was poor. Fewer people fished than in previous years and fewer fish were caught. Fishing pressure declined early in the fishing season because the overall catch was low. 'Eufaula is dead' was heard in conversation and read in the print media. Factors other than fewer bass, however, contributed to the poor fishing. Alabama and Georgia biologists found bass populations in good health, well structured, with numbers of fish comparable and possibly exceeding those collected in preceding years. Many fishermen assumed that low fishing success meant the lake was 'dead'.

The record drought of 1986 probably had as much or more to do with poor fishing than any other single factor. Low water levels apparently changed bass movement and residence patterns. The old standard 'honey holes' no longer held fish. Low river flows led to less water generated through dams to produce electricity. Well-known fishing sites along the old river channel, reputed to hold fish when water passed through the dam, usually held fewer fish. The 1986 bass tournament reports from the B.A.I. (Bass Angling Information Team) program indicated that non-local fishermen often caught more fish than local club members. Fishermen unfamiliar with the lake who fished in a random fashion were more successful than local fishermen who keyed on specific sites.

"Alabama's and Georgia's Game and Fish Division officials received pressure from local fishermen and some reporters. Many misinformed fishermen demanded length limits. Some fishermen even blamed the poor 1986 fishing on the fact that Alabama did not have a 12-inch length limit on its side of the lake. Some reporters promoted the idea that the lake was 'dead'. Biologists from both states, however, steadfastly maintained that the lake had a healthy bass population and that a length limit was not required at that time. The tremendous 1987 fishing success indicates the biologists were right. Had the Game and Fish Divisions of both states succumbed to local pressure, the outstanding 1987 fishing may have been attributed to a length limit that would have had nothing to do with the success.

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Red's pitcher Mark Magwood shows winning form! Magwood had led the Reds back from an early slump to second place with two weeks still left in the season.

A's & White Sox Post Wins In Babe Ruth Baseball League

A's 13
Reds 10

The A's scored 4 runs in the top of the seventh-inning and held on to knock off the Reds 13-10. The A's jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead in the first-inning and appeared to be headed for an easy win; however, the Reds moved on top 7-5 in the fourth-inning and remained in control until late in the game, when the A's rallied to post the win.

Damon Jones and Phil Hogan got 2 hits apiece for the A's, while Kevin Matthews and Chris Thomas got 2 each for the Reds.

White Sox 16
Dodgers 5

The White Sox exploded late to bury the Dodgers 16-5. The Dodgers surprised the league leading Sox by grabbing a 5-2 lead after three-innings; however, the White Sox woke up and pulled away to post the lopsided win. Shane Blanton, Jason Grider and Vince Hudson got 2 hits apiece for the Sox, which took advantage of 10 walks, while Terry Goosby and Wade Hart got 2 hits each for the Dodgers.

Cook Remains Undeclared In Softball

The Men's Softball League saw its schedule shortened to only one night last week due to a thunderstorm, but the league did have plenty of action in the night games were played and Cook Chevrolet remained in control of the league

standings by upping its record to 10-0. The Elba Merchants follow at 6-3 and rounding out the standings are the City Merchants 6-4, Budweiser 3-7, Country Convenience 3-7 and Work Release 1-8.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA MERCHANTS 8
BUDWEISER 5

The Elba Merchants rallied to nip Budweiser 8-5. Budweiser jumped ahead 3-0 in the first inning; however, the Merchants pulled even at 3-3 in the third and then pulled away for the win. Derek Young and Nip Ammons got 2 hits apiece for the Merchants, while Ruddy got 3 hits for Budweiser and White, C. Smith and Pat Dewberry all added 2.

COUNTRY CONVENIENCE 7
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BUDWEISER 11
COUNTRY CONVENIENCE 10

Budweiser pushed across a run in the top of the ninth-inning and held on to nip Country Convenience 11-10. Country Convenience grabbed an early 5-0 lead in the game, but

saw Budweiser rally and had to score 2 runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into extra-innings, only to see Budweiser again score to claim the win. Buddy Manning, Pat Dewberry, Justice, Flowers, Jackson and James Simmons all got 2 hits for Budweiser, while Tom Dyess, Mike Farris, Ronnie Hammond and Eddie Hill all got 2 hits for Country Convenience.

COOK CHEVROLET 12
CITY MERCHANTS 5

Cook Chevrolet remained undefeated with a 12-5 win over the City Merchants. The Merchants pulled out to an early 3-1 lead, only to see Cook rally to grab an 8-3 lead in the third-inning and coast to the win. Lamar Sasser and John Hudson got 3 hits each for Cook, while Rhet McCollough and Greg Parker both added 2. Joey got 2 hits for the Merchants.



OUTSTANDING BASKETBALL PLAYERS... Basketball and baseball players and coaches were recognized at the All Sports Banquet held recently at Enterprise State Junior College. Receiving awards in men's basketball were L-R: Glen Johnson, Elba - Mr. Hustle; Stacey Thompson of Bonifay, Fla. - Best Defensive Player; Tony Whiaker, Enterprise - Most Statistical Player; David Williams, Troy - Most Valuable Player; and Rodney Tennie, Noonan, Ga. - Spark Plug Award (for the most team spirit).

Damascus Tournney Set For June 26-27

There will be a Class C and below men's softball tournament at the Damascus Baptist Church ball field on Fri. 4, Elba, on June 26 and 27. Entry fee is \$65 and hit your own restricted flight balls. Entry fee must be paid before tournament. Entry deadline is June 23. For more information call 894-6480 or 894-6493.

Eufaula To Host Men's Tournney June 12-13

There will be a Men's Class B Softball Tournament in Eufaula, Alabama June 12-13, 1987 sponsored by Sports World and Eufaula Recreation Department. Entry fee will be \$100 and all balls will be furnished. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams, with individual awards going to the first place team. For further information, contact Jay Stough, Athletic Supervisor at 687-2246.

Elba Pool To Open At Night

City Recreation Director Dennis Smith has announced evening hours at the Elba City Pool. Hours are 6 - 9 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

SCHEDULES

GIRLS SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
7:00 - Braves vs. Blazers

MENS SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
6:30 - 3 Country Convenience vs. Budweiser
7:30 - Cook Chevrolet vs. Elba Merchants
8:30 - Work Release vs. City Merchants

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
6:30 - Budweiser vs. City Merchants
7:30 - Work Release vs. Cook Chevrolet
8:30 - Country Convenience vs. Elba Merchants

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Mets
7:45 - Pirates vs. Tigers

MONDAY, JUNE 15
6:00 - Yankees vs. Mets
7:00 - Red Sox vs. Indians
8:00 - Expos vs. Giants

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
6:00 - Mets vs. Tigers
7:45 - Pirates vs. Astros

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
6:00 - White Sox vs. Dodgers
8:00 - A's vs. Reds

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

6:00 - Reds vs. White Sox
8:00 - A's vs. Dodgers
(End of Season)

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
6:00 - Rangers vs. Angels
7:00 - Red Sox vs. Indians
8:00 - Expos vs. Giants

MONDAY, JUNE 15
6:00 - Red Sox vs. Expos
7:00 - Royals vs. Indians

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
6:00 - Angels vs. Royals
7:00 - Braves vs. Rangers
8:00 - Indians vs. Giants

Fishing Below Locks & Dams May Be Dangerous

The spring spawning of many different species of fish throughout Alabama waters means more and more fishermen are taking to the waters in hopes of landing a trophy. Favorite fishing areas are fast-moving tailraces and boils below locks and dams. These waters produce some of the best fishing in Alabama.

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The areas below locks and dams are posted with signs warning that PFD's must be worn within the 800-ft. area. Fish for a trophy - not a tragedy. Wear your PFD and make sure all your passengers wear theirs. For further information, contact the Alabama Marine Police, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36103; (205) 261-3673.

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Round & About With Eria

YOUTH DAY AT OAK GROVE

Youth Day was held at Oak Grove Baptist Church June 14, with a program at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Charlie Jones is pastor.

Theme: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:29, 30, 31.

Processional was led by Oak Grove youth and visitors, with altar prayer by Rev. Charlie Jones.

The Nazareth Youth Choir provided musical selections, and the welcome was given by Selena Musgrove.

The youth presented a program and a duet was rendered by Patrick and Denise Rodgers. Rev. Moses Rodgers presented the speaker, Elder J.C. Rodgers. Rev. John Lawrence led in a hymn, and the offering was conducted by Jeffrey Stoudmire, Earnest Brooks and Jonathan Lawrence.

Kim McBride recognized the visitors.

Annual revival services will be held at Elba Zion Baptist Church on June 21, with Rev. W. Bland as evangelist. Rev. John Grayer is pastor.

Morning services will be held with Sunday School at 9:45 and worship at 11, sermon by Pastor Grayer.

The program will begin at 3 p.m. with devotion by the officers and welcome by Sis. Helen Thigpen. Rev. Grayer or his appointee will present the sermon.

Services will be held each

evening of June 22 - 26 at 7:30. Devotional will be brought by the following groups:

Monday - Officers of Shady Grove and Bethel A.M.E.; Tuesday - Mt. Calvary - Rocky Head; Wednesday - Bethlehem - New Zion; Thursday - Oak Grove - Piney Grove; Friday - Poplar Springs - Springfield.

Matron's Day program at Piney Grove Baptist Church will be held June 21 at 2:30 p.m. in Opp, Rev. Johnny C. Lawrence C. Lawrence, pastor.

Theme: "Forebearing one another and forgiving one another. If any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

Welcome was given by Sis. Alice Dozier, with matron's pledge led by Sis. Hattie Reed. A solo was presented by Sis. Ollie Henderson, with occasion given by Sis. Annie P. Siler.

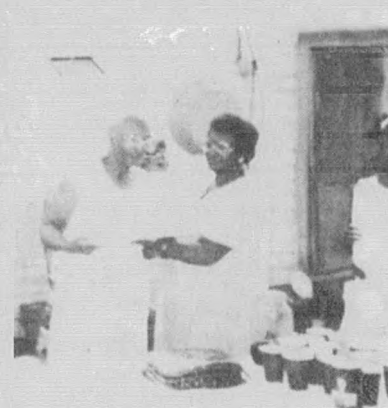
Rev. J.C. Lawrence is pastor; Sis. Annie P. Siler is president; Sis. Cora Hines - secretary and Sis. Ollie Henderson - treasurer.

***Mrs. Ludessa Bullard Jones, Elba, vacationed in Houston, Texas April 18 - May 31, as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Riley P. Evans (nee Betty Bullard), Mrs. Myrtle Bullard, Mr. Jimmy Bullard. The Evans' and Bullards are formerly of Elba.

"I had a wonderful time!" said Mrs. Jones.

Psalm 23 - Beneath me - green pastures Beside me - still waters With me - my shepherd Before me - a table Around me - mine enemies After me - goodness and mercy beyond me - the house of the Lord Messenger of peace.

***Have a good day! ERIA



Mrs. Effie Horstead
A Special Day For Mrs. Effie L. Horstead

Nothing could be finer than the dinner celebrating the 77th birthday of Mrs. Effie Lee Horstead June on June 6 at her home in Opp.

The back yard was spacious enough to accommodate long tables for the food and the guests had plenty of room to "mill about."

The menu with emphasis on Southern cooking, consisted of such delicious food as barbecued chicken fried fish, potato salad, slaw, tossed green salad, okra, rice, hush puppies, chocolate cake, lemon pound cake and the traditional birthday cake and iced tea.

The day was special to Mrs. Effie Lee because two of her children - Leavy Horstead of Opp and Bertha Williams of Geneva - were there wishing her many returns of the day.

Others attending included 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Special guest was Mr. Tillman Lindsey of Elba; also Mrs. Olene Nelson, Mrs. Lizzie Rogers, Mrs. Minnie Barlow and Mrs. Annie Brundidge, in-laws and friends.

Happy birthday Mrs. Effie Lee and God bless you!

***Evangelism has been defined as "one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."

Leroy Koopman



Mrs. Voncie Peavy
RECEPTION FOR MRS. PEAVY

Mrs. Voncie Peavy was honored with a reception on Sunday, May 31, from four until six o'clock in the afternoon at the Enterprise State Junior College Multi-Purpose Room on the occasion of her retirement from the teaching profession.

Mrs. Peavy's teaching career began in 1958.

Special music was provided by Mrs. Coleen M. Gordon, and invocation was given by Rev. Robert Balthrop Jr., pastor of John's Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Sherlene B. Page, and "This Is Your Life" presented by Mrs. Gladys Yelverton.

Felicitations were given by: Mrs. Vernetta DeRamus, former co-worker at Carroll St. School; Mrs. Polly R. Anthony - John's Chapel Church family; Judge Marion Brunson - former principal Hillcrest Elementary School;

Mrs. Barbara Arnold - president, Enterprise Education Association; Mr. Hugh Williams - principal Hillcrest Elementary School; Mr. Thad Morgan - superintendent, Enterprise City Schools; Mrs. Dorothy Youngblood - Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter, APC Sorority.

Mrs. Peavy's teaching years included four-and-a-half at Choctaw County from 1958 - 1962, and 25 years in the Enterprise City School System 17 at Hillcrest Elementary and 8 at Carroll Street Elementary.

Special guests included Mr. Carrie Hardwick, Mrs. Yvonne MacLin, Mrs. Abbie Lee Jackson, Mrs. Mae Ella Todd, Mrs. Mattie Tyson, Mr. Alfred Peavy, Mrs. Georgia Mae Mitchell, Mr. Ernest Winston Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall and Mr. Charlie L. Williams.

Hostesses were sisters of Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter of APC Sorority; ushers - debutantes of Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter of APC Sorority.

Voncie Peavy was born in Butler, Choctaw County, Ala., to Carrie Hardwick, Cleveland, Ohio, and Ernest Winston, Evansville, Indiana. She had one sister and two brothers.

Mrs. Peavy was married to Alfred Peavy in 1958, and they are foster parents to Harvey and Raymond Jackson, Voncella Jackson, Kelley Stanley and Rickey Britt.

She was educated at Turner's Mission and Wesley Elementary, both in Butler; the Choctaw County Training School where she graduated in 1953.

Her post-secondary education was received at Alabama State University, where she received a B.S. degree in 1957 and an M.S. in 1969. Further study was done at Auburn, Alabama A & M and Troy State Universities.

She is a member of NEA, AEA, EEA, Alabama Instructional Media Association (AIMA).

She is a member of John's Chapel A.M.E. Church, Steward Board, St. Choir, Women's Missionary Society.

Her work experience includes - among her teaching years - setting up the library at Carroll Street Elementary School and serving as librarian, a charter member of Delta Sigma Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Chi Sorority. Her hobby is working in flowers.

I visited Mrs. Peavy in her beautiful home in Enterprise, and took note that she had earned a spot in the teaching profession, hopefully in the future some young person's thirst for knowledge. Teaching is more a job - it's challenging and rewarding, and I say your personal satisfaction should come from know you have done your best, Mrs. Peavy. God bless you!

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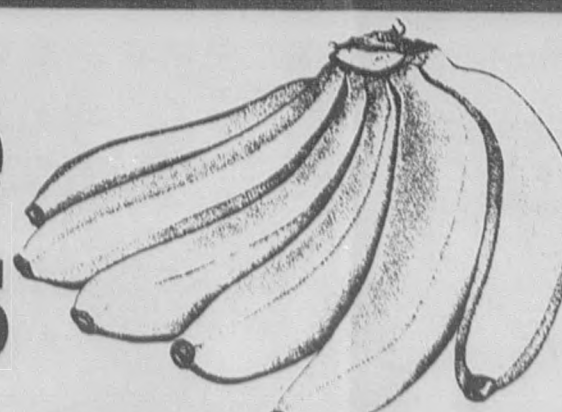
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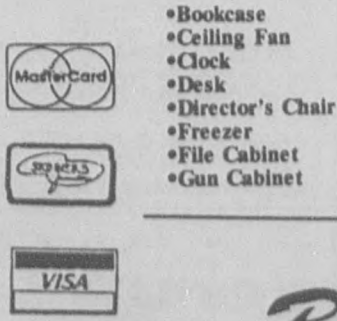
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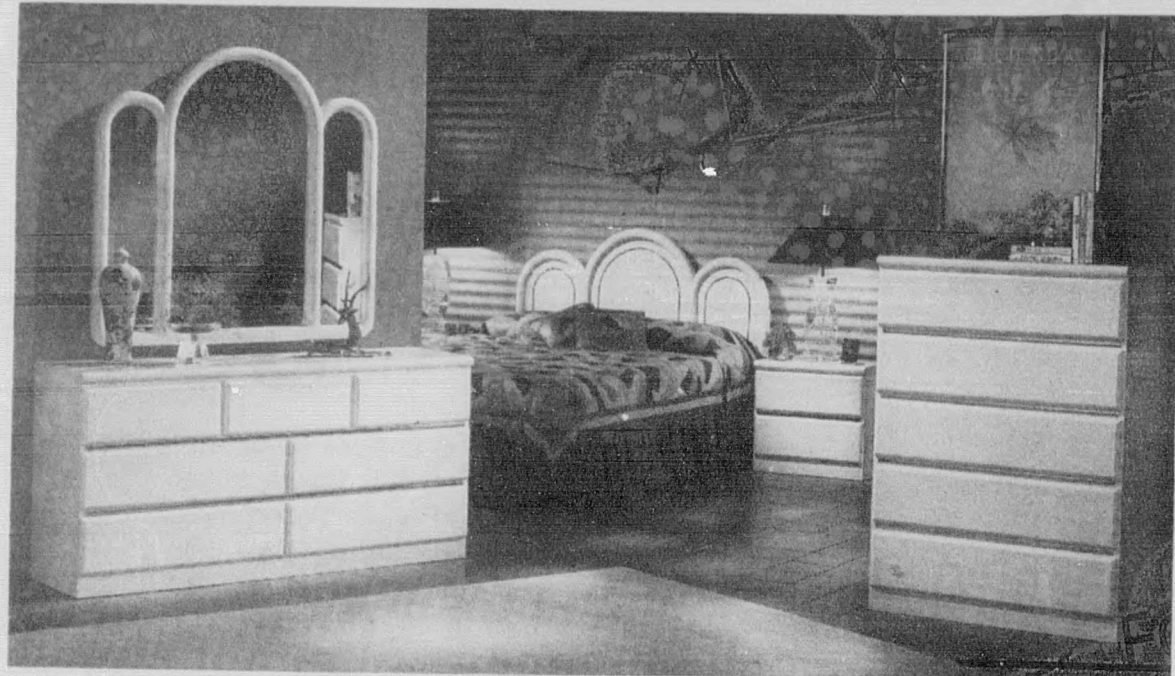
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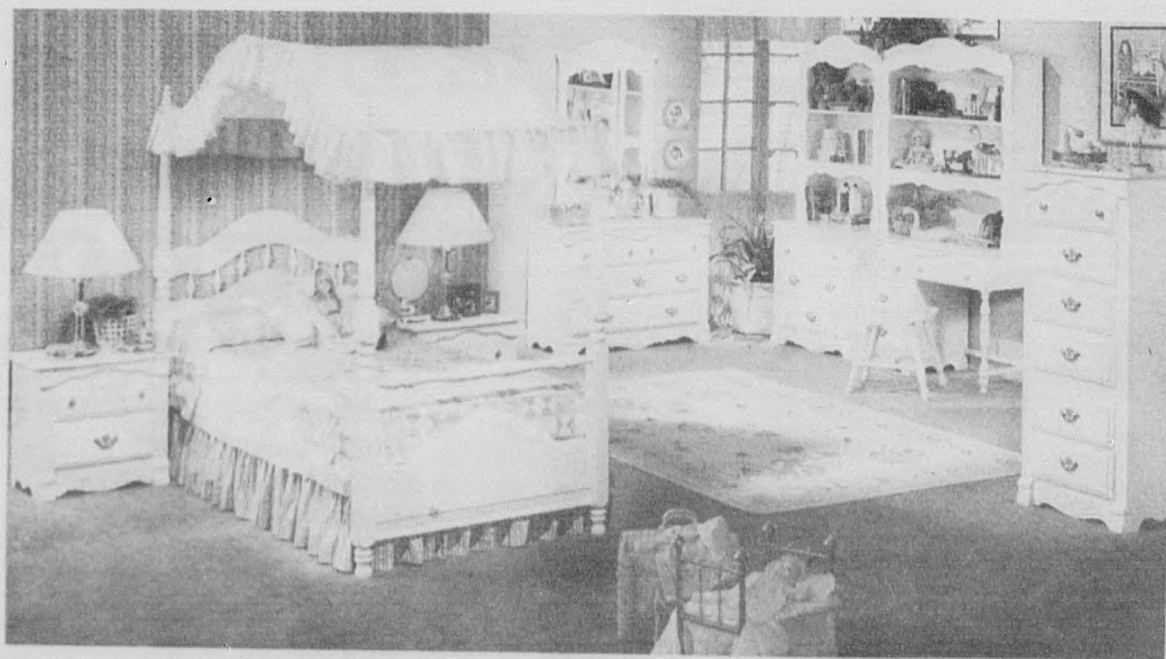
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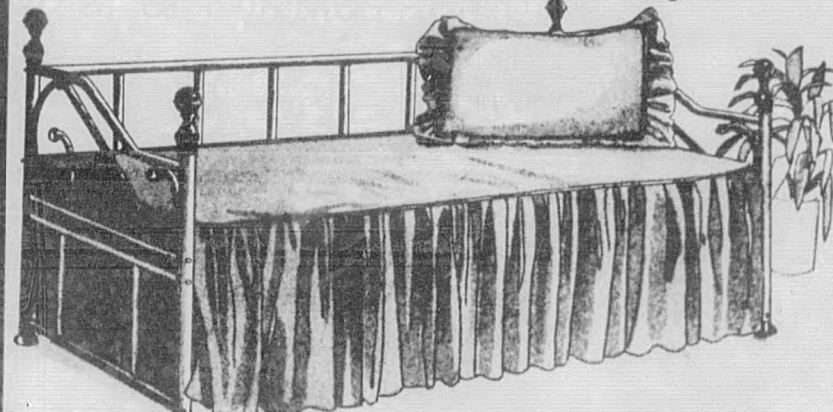
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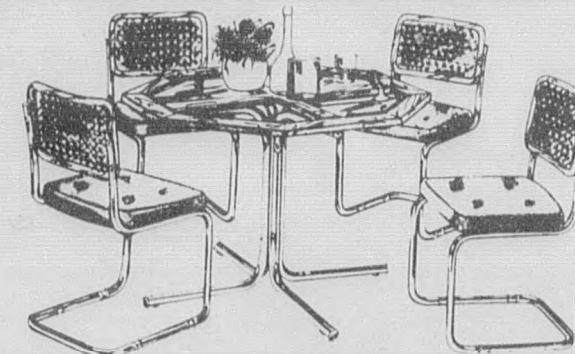
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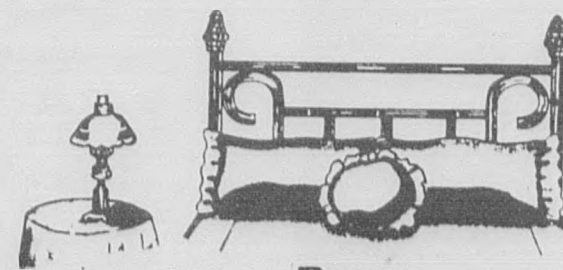
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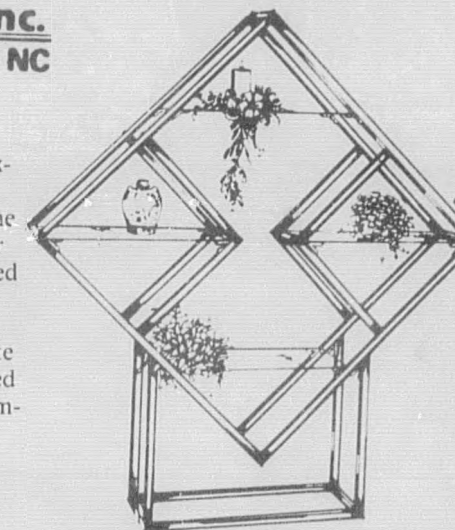
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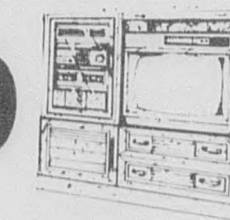
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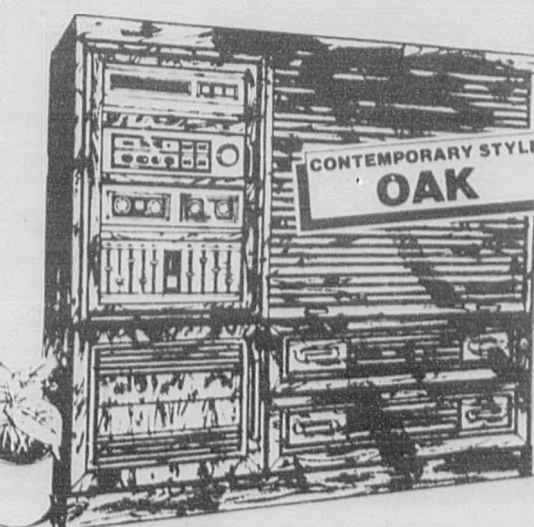
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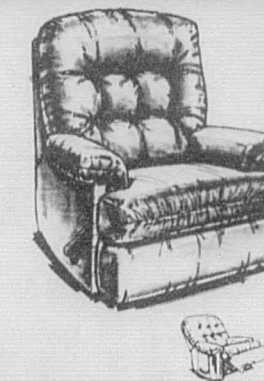
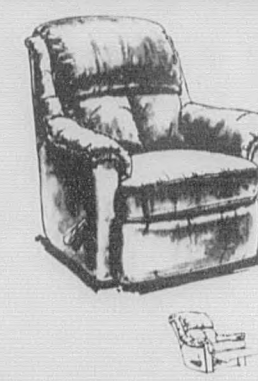
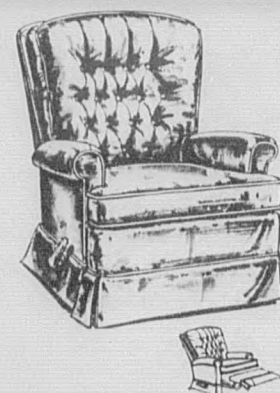
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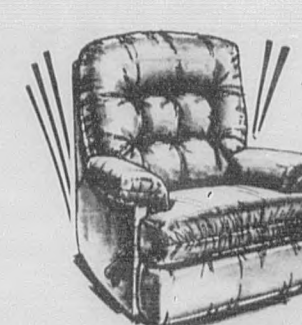
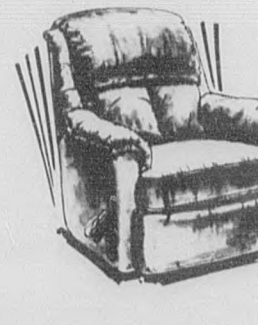
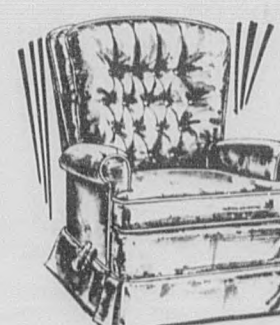
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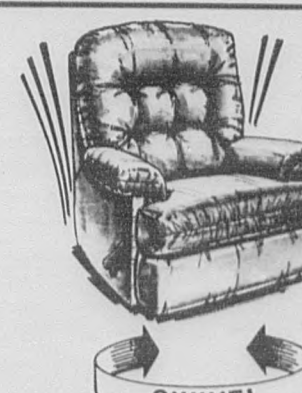
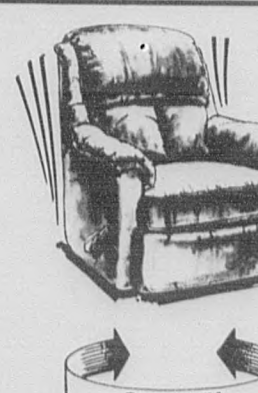
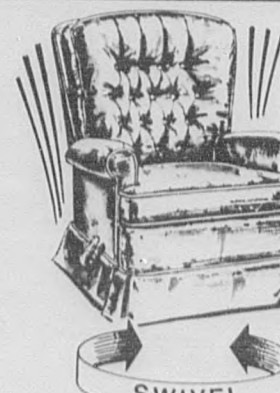
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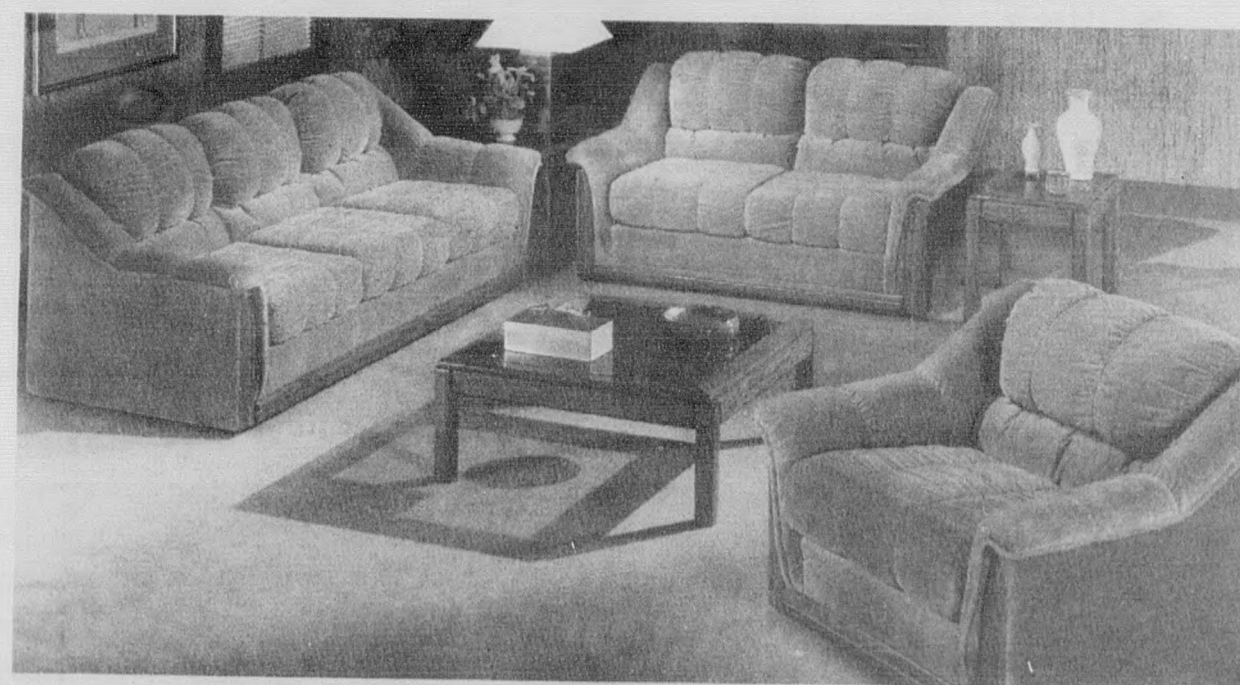
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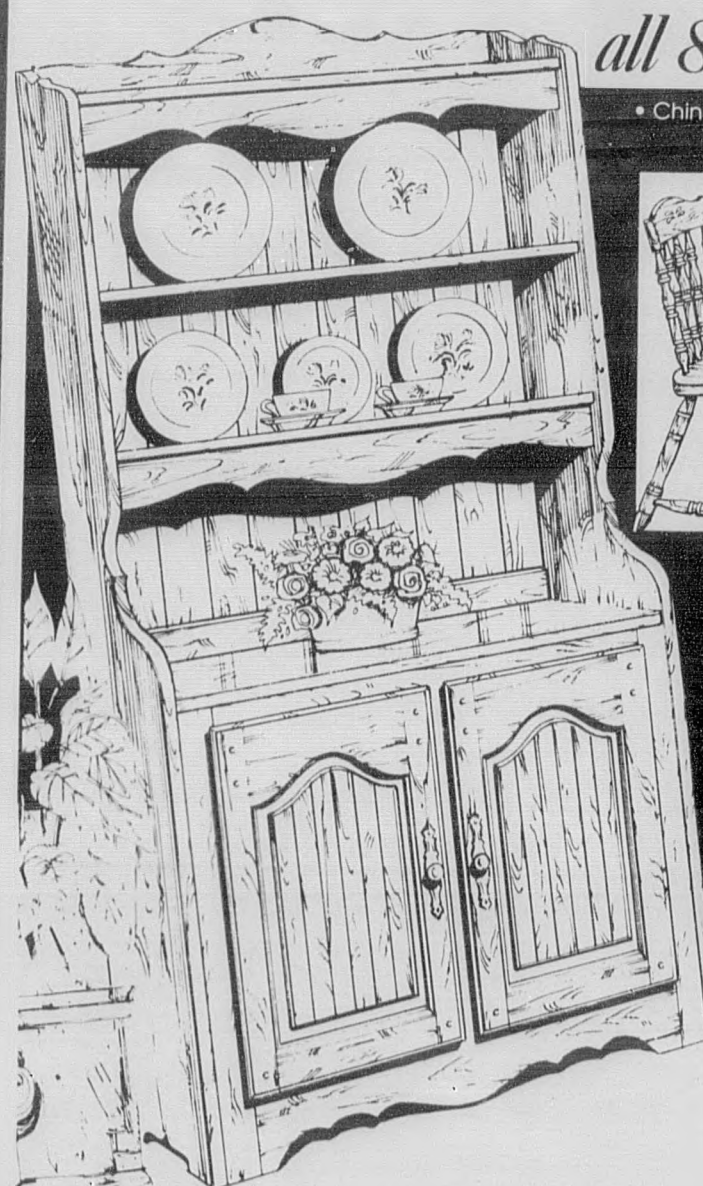
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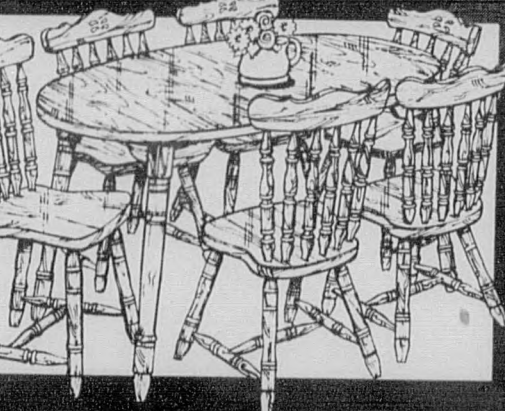
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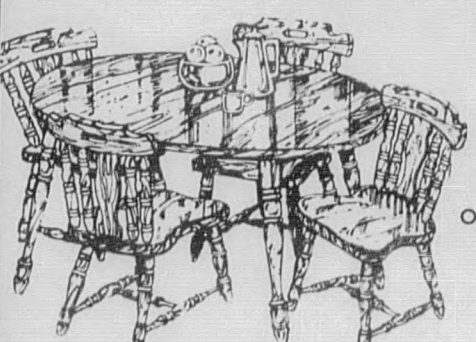
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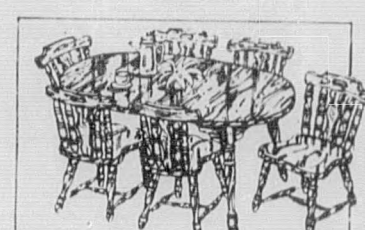
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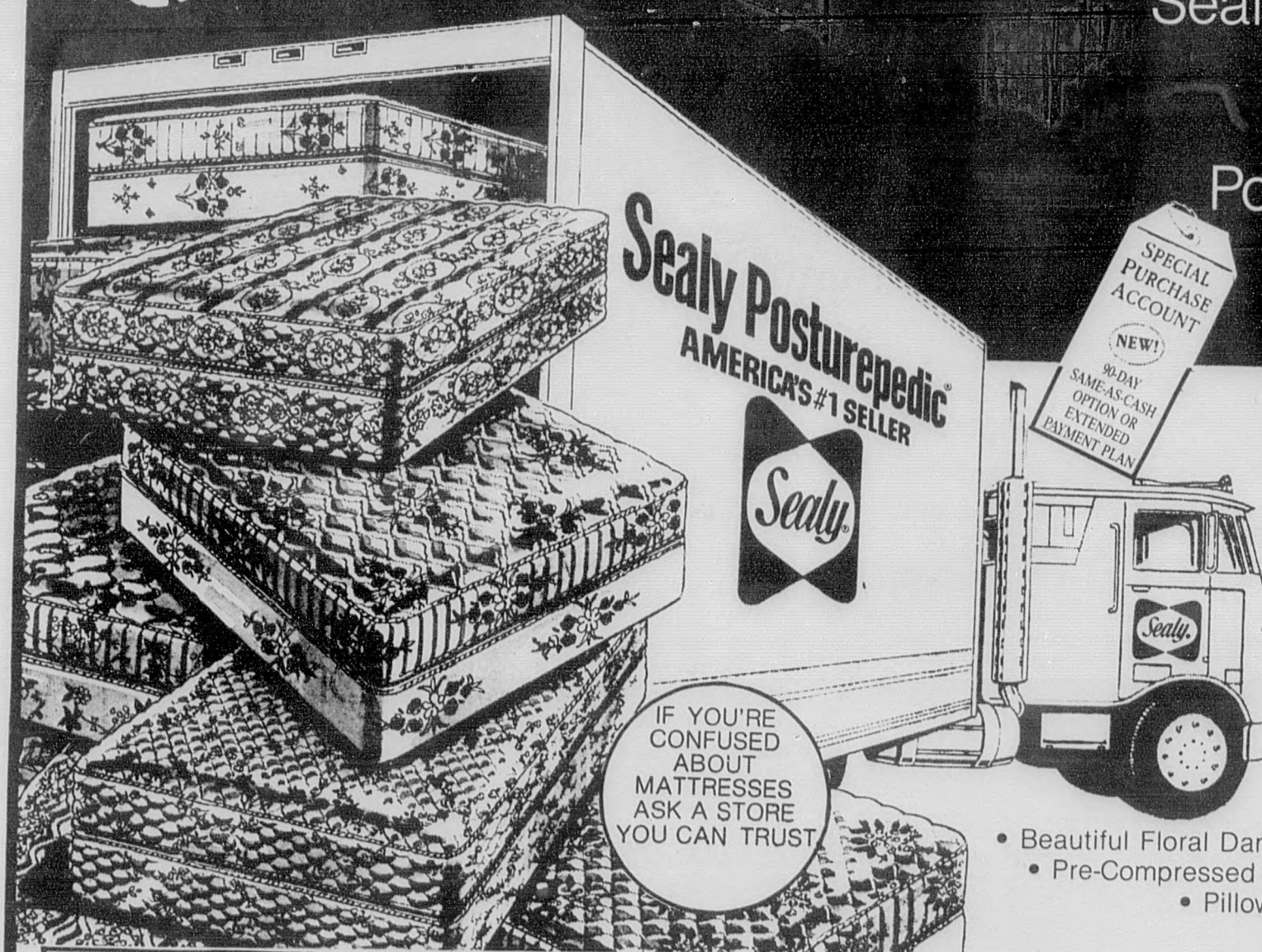


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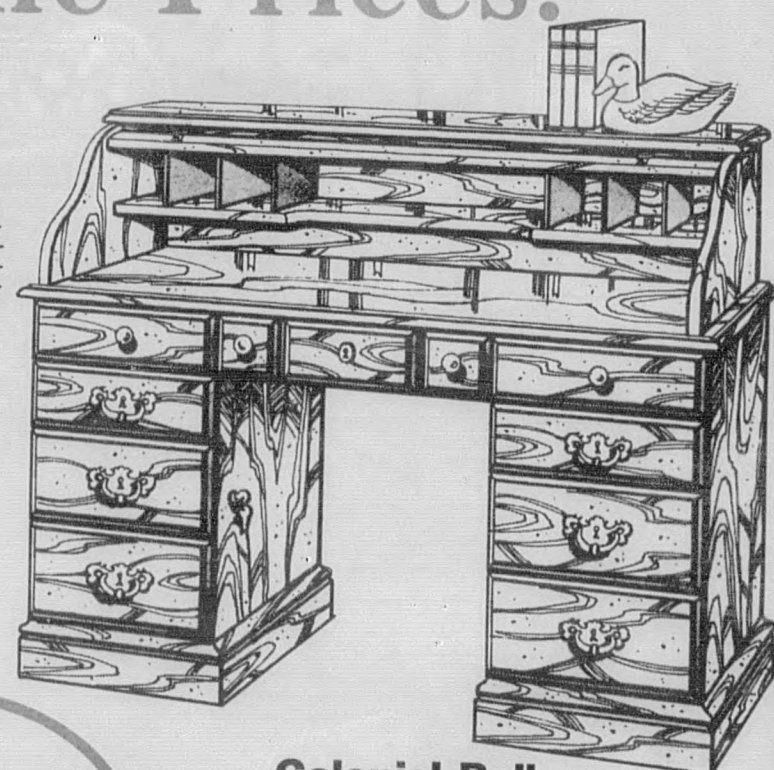
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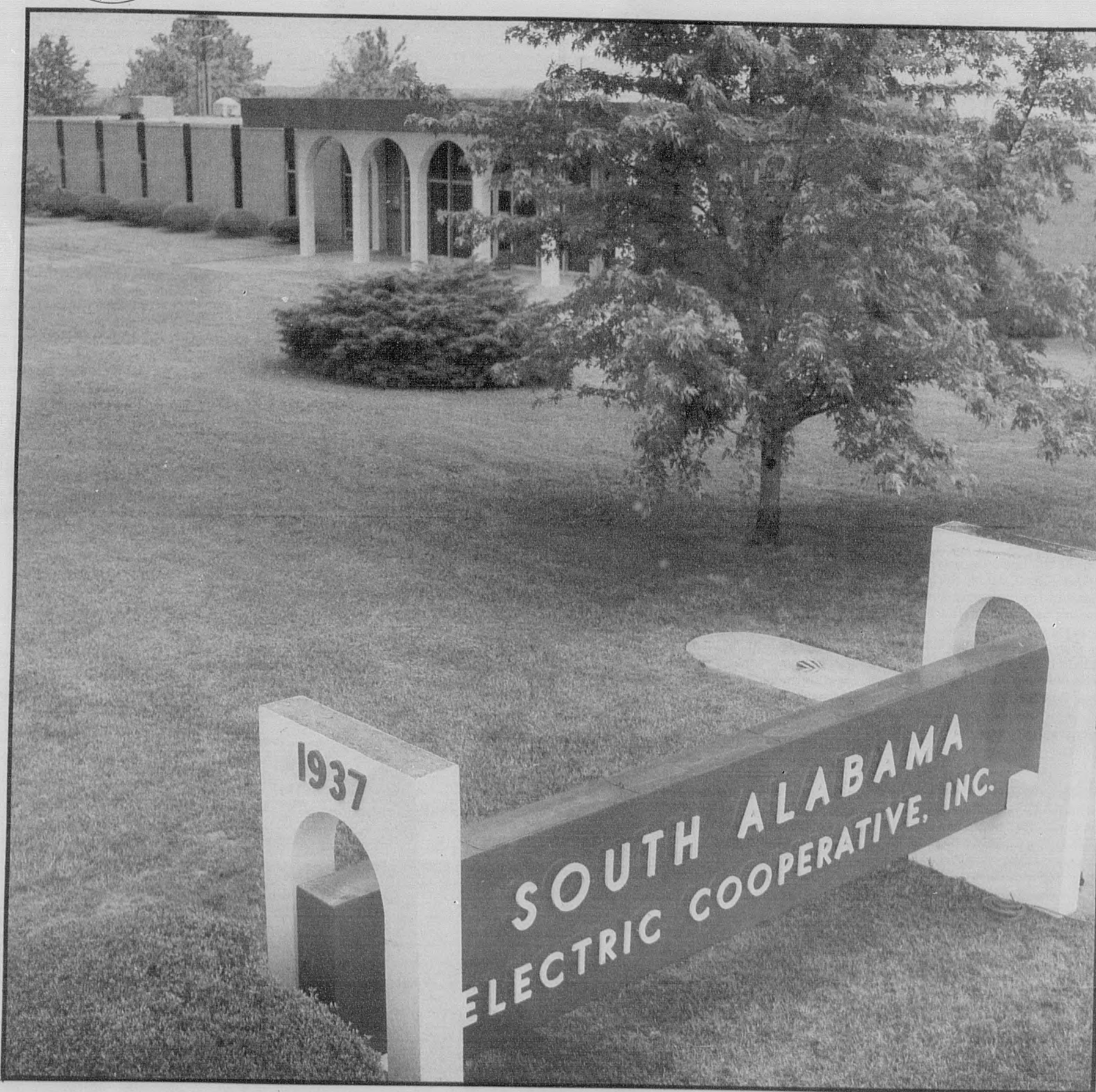
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South Alabama Electric Cooperative Celebrates Golden Anniversary



Open House Planned

South Alabama Electric Cooperative will host a 50th Anniversary Open House at their headquarters on Highway 231 south of Troy on Wednesday June 17 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. South Alabama Electric Cooperative distributes electricity to over 11,000 meters in Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties. Tours of the headquarters will be available throughout the afternoon. A small gift will be available for the first 250 to register. Refreshments will also be served. Door prizes including a T.V., ceiling fan, and grill will be given away at 6:00. All those registered during the afternoon will be eligible for the prizes.

Rural Electricity... A Look at Yesterday

"We're on our way, among the first in the nation," shouted Governor Bibb Graves to a crowd of 200, according to the Troy Herald. A towering utility pole stood in the hole dug by Governor Graves at the edge of the little town of Elba. This marked the inauguration of Alabama's first rural electrification project which would serve 45 farm families.

On June 17, 1987, South Alabama celebrates its 50th anniversary having been organized on this day in 1937. The headlines from the Troy Herald newspaper on June 17, 1937, read: "Troy Named Headquarters for 5-County Cooperative to Build Rural Power Lines." These counties included Pike, Coffee, Crenshaw, Barbour, and Covington. The Cooperative was first known as South Alabama Electric Membership Corporation.

On February 11, 1937, the meeting everyone had been waiting for was held at the Pike County Courthouse. To an enthusiastic group of people, the announcement was made, "Rural electrification will be available to every community in Pike County!"

During the mid-30's, only cities received central station electricity. Investor-owned companies were not interested in providing electric service to the sparsely populated counties. Only 4 percent of the farms in Alabama had electricity.

Few of us can remember the days before electricity. Our only experience of being without it is an occasional power outage due to severe weather.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt will always be remembered and appreciated for being an early spokesman for rural electrification. In the early 30's, he often spoke about having to pay 18 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity. As a result of his hard work and dedication to rural America, President Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in 1935. Congress, in 1936, passed a bill that established the Rural Electrification Administration. Funds for the new program were made available at 2 percent interest rates for building electric lines into the country. When investor-owned power companies refused to use these funds, groups of people began to organize themselves and cooperatives were formed. It would take years of hard work and the cooperation of many people to build the electric cooperative.

On Monday March 4, 1937, the Pike County Courthouse was overflowing with Pike County

residents interested in receiving electricity. James E. Brown, Field Representative from REA set up a surveying committee. This committee consisted of: Emory Morgan, C. F. Rolling, J. H. Scheussler, R. A. Morgan, Kyle Brantley, M. T. Dubose, W. W. Leventine, Joe Bob Richburg, Tom Mills, T. A. Furlow, J. A. Young, J. C. Hardin, C. T. Parish, J. D. Coskrey, A. L. Lowery, B. M. Green, Aubrey Cowart, Milton C. Carter, W. J. Sorrell.

Troy was chosen as the headquarters for the cooperative which would serve this area. J. H. Beasley of Andalusia, George W. Gilmore of Troy, J. N. Wallace of New Brockton, V. G. Perdue of Luverne and Sam K. Adams of Clayton were selected to develop and organize the cooperative. The first office was located in the Humber Building on Academy Street and George Gilmore was hired as the first manager.

In 1937 H. J. Carter, Pike County's Farm Agent reported that electrical lines would radiate from Troy. A line would run from Troy to Orion and would branch out in several directions. These lines would expand to serve the communities of Josie, Enon, Monticello, Sandfield, Linwood, Goshen, Little Oak, and Henderson. Approximately 143 miles of line would be built to serve 500 customers who had "signed up" for electricity.

In June 1937, State REA Chairman, Gordon Persons, announced that electric power would be available to rural customers in Pike, Coffee, Covington and Crenshaw counties by the winter of 1937-38. Cooperative organizations were in place to construct the power lines in each county. Money was provided by the Rural Electrification Administration and would be repaid over a period of 35 years. Negotiations were already underway to secure wholesale power from the Alabama Water Service Company, which supplied the city of Troy with electricity.

On June 24, 1937, South Alabama Electric Cooperative's first membership was issued. Sam K. Adams became the first member by paying a membership fee of \$5.00 - the same as interest rates for building electric lines into the country. When investor-owned power companies refused to use these funds, groups of people began to organize themselves and cooperatives were formed. It would take years of hard work and the cooperation of many people to build the electric cooperative.

During this time, the only two power lines owned by South Alabama Electric were purchased from the Alabama Water Service Company. One line stretched along Highway 29 to Banks and the second line, down the Elba Highway to Springhill.

In July 1937, South Alabama began constructing additional power lines.

These lines would cover over 359 miles and serve 1,077 members. When the work began, the process of securing rights-of-way became the next order of business. Funds were not available to purchase rights-of-way, so land owners were urged to sign agreements allowing electric lines to cross their property.

The Goshen and Orion line was the first line completed and served the communities of Good Hope, Oak Grove, Goshen, Kings Store and Orion. However, many people were unsure of the power lines crossing their property because they were afraid lightning would run the lines and ruin the land.

Construction bids were received on October 30, 1937 for a five-county, 750-mile distribution electrical system in South Alabama. A total of \$669,000 was made available for construction. On December 9, 1937, the Alabama Water Service was awarded the contract to furnish power for the rural electrification project. James H. Scheussler, superintendent of the project stated that the more electricity used, the less a customer would have to pay per kilowatt-hour.

W. L. Coston, a Bessemer contractor, was awarded the contract to build the lines. Approximately 124 trancir

loads of poles were shipped by Wood Preserving Company. The Cooper-wood Steel Company supplied the conductors for the new construction.

April 4, 1938, brought electricity to Pike County. At 11:26 a.m. James H. Beasley of Andalusia, President of South Alabama Electrical Membership Corporation threw the switch that gave Pike County's rural population their first electricity.

The portion of the line energized was known as rural electrification project Alabama 23 Pike and covered approximately 86 miles. The line which started in Goshen ran through the Good Hope, Orion, Needmore, Linwood, Saco, Catapa, Josie, Enon and Monticello communities. More than 170 additional customers were to receive service.

The next portion of line to be energized was from Goshen to

Henderson and into Tarentum. This line served portions of Coffee County near Victoria and New Hope. At that time, the only major holding was that no line could be energized unless there was an average of two customers per mile. The customers

were required to have their home wired, inspected and ready for service.

During the 40's only one electrical outlet was required per house. Typically, there was only one drop string light in each room and a 30 amp fuse box with two fuses.

A third loan was approved by the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington on June 8, 1939. As of that date, 683 miles of line had been completed and energized and 265 additional miles were under construction. The cooperative was serving 1,281 rural homes, country stores, filling stations and churches, along with schools, dairies and small manufacturing plants in the rural communities of Pike, Crenshaw, Coffee, and Covington counties. Approximately 500 additional members were waiting to receive service from the lines under construction. By the end of 1939, the cooperative had over 2,300 paid memberships receiving service with an average bill of \$2.75.

The first annual meeting was held on a Saturday in January 1940 and the first board of trustees was elected. Representing their districts were as follows:

See YESTERDAY pg. 3



A new generation of luxuries such as fans and radios were available for the youngsters growing up in the 40's and 50's.

Serving You Now... A Business Built for Members

South Alabama Electric Cooperative was organized on June 17, 1937 and the first lines were built and energized in March 1938. The Cooperative serves a 1,317 square mile area in Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties. The Cooperative has built over 1900 miles of line serving over 11,000 members.

The value of all property, lines and equipment owned by the Cooperative is \$15 million.

Capital funds for line construction and other facilities were borrowed from the U.S. Government through YESTERDAY

District 1. W. W. Reeves; District 2. George W. Gilmore (Sec./Treas.); District 3. V. G. Perdue (Pres.); District 4. R. W. Harbin; District 5. W. C. Chapman; District 6. W. C. Grant; District 7. J. N. Wallace (V.Pres.).

A special meeting of the members was held in June of 1940 and a vote was taken to change the name from South Alabama Electric Membership Corporation to South Alabama Electric Cooperative.

In June of 1941 South Alabama Electric Cooperative became a member of Alabama Electric Cooperative by paying a \$100.00 membership fee. There was an average of 2.3 members per mile with an average bill of \$3.07.

By 1942 memberships had grown to 2450. SAEC soon became a member of Alabama Rural Electric Association and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Because of the good financial condition, the cooperative was able to pay back \$2,000 of the loan from REA.

During the next several years the building of cooperative lines came to a virtual halt due to World War II. Copper and aluminum became more valuable for the war effort rather than for the building of electrical lines.

The year 1947 brought about many changes. In March SAEC purchased all of the electrical distribution properties of Covington Electric Cooperative in the counties of Pike and Crenshaw (north of Brantley) for a price of \$65,000. We then sold to Rock Building (Pike Activity Center)

the Rural Electrification Administration and through the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). Principle and interest payments are made each year as part of the Cooperative's operating expenses.

Trustees are elected from seven districts within the service area and one trustee is elected at large. The trustees are elected each year at the annual meeting. They determine the policies under which the Cooperative operates. They also employ the general manager. The manager

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Covington Electric Cooperative all electrical distribution properties in District 4. R. W. Harbin; District 5. W. C. Chapman; District 6. W. C. Grant; District 7. J. N. Wallace (V.Pres.).

In May, M.J. Livings was hired as the new manager and would remain with the cooperative for the next 30 years.

The first capital credit checks were refunded when the cooperative was 17 years old. In 1949 the idea of capital credit refunds was first submitted to the board at the annual meeting. In 1954 the refund became a reality.

The 1950's and 60's were a time of rapid growth. The number of members and miles of electric lines increased. New appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, and dryers caused a dramatic increase in the amount of electricity being used.

Electricity was also becoming more and more important to agriculture. Electric motors were doing much farm work previously done by hand.

We were kept busy in the 1960's replacing many of the original lines. The increased electrical loads meant these lines had to be updated to meet the increased demand for electricity.

Before settling in the present building in 1966, South Alabama Electric was located in several different places. After the first office in the Humber building, the Cooperative moved to the Folmar building. It was next located in the and Crenshaw (north of Brantley) for a price of \$65,000. We then sold to Rock Building (Pike Activity Center)

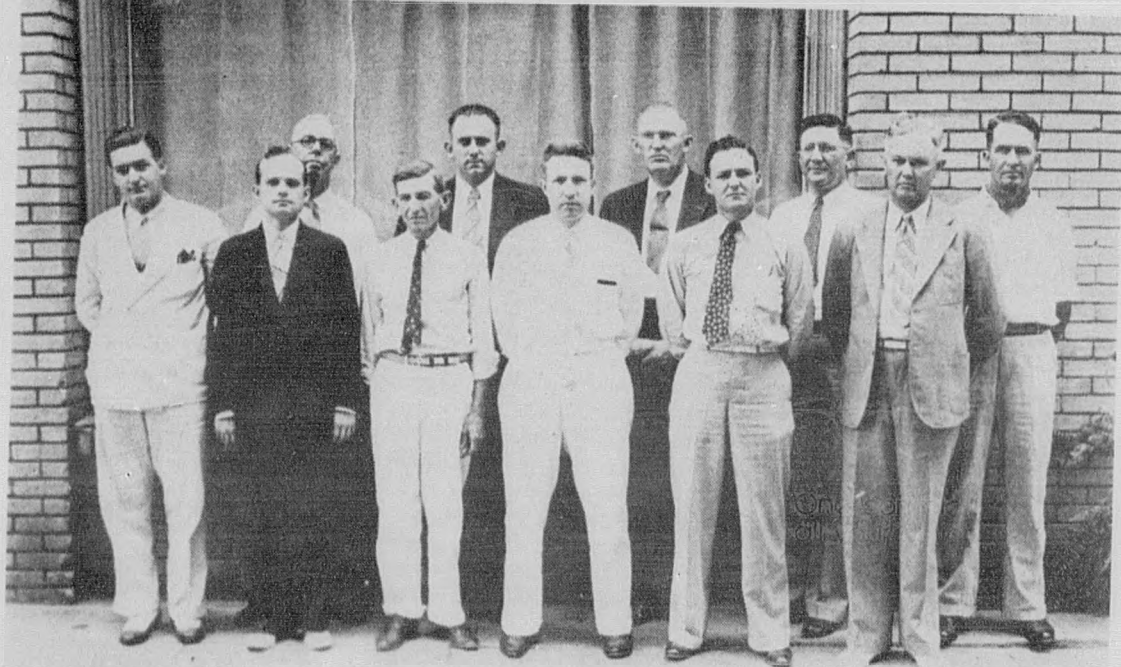
for two years. It then moved to the selects the employees who carry out the policies adopted by the board. Forty-six people are employed by the Cooperative at an annual payroll in excess of \$1 million.

Electricity is purchased from

Alabama Electric Cooperative, a generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Andalusia. As the Cooperative has grown, system capacity continues to be increased to meet the needs of the members. Last year, SAEC members

used over 119 million kilowatt hours of electricity.

The Cooperative headquarters are located just south of Troy on Highway 231. Members are welcome to visit the Cooperative at any time



The first incorporators of South Alabama Electric Cooperative: Back row: J.N. Wallace, J.H. Beasley, Mr. Grant, Sam Adams, Virgil G. Perdue. Front row: Representative from Washington, an Attorney from Montgomery, George Gilmore, Gordon Person, Person's helper from Montgomery; J.A. McLeod, County Agent from Montgomery.

Troy Messenger building where business was conducted until the present building was completed.

During the 70's, South Alabama Electric Cooperative paid back two of the first loans that were acquired. The first loan dated June 15, 1937, was paid off in July 1972 and the second loan dated December 20, 1938, for \$239,000.00 was paid off in December of 1973.

The 1970's are also remembered for several other things. A freak snow storm the weekend of February 9th, 1973, caused wide-spread outages. The record amount of snow caused many trees to fall, knocking down numerous power lines. It was a long weekend for both the members who were in the dark and co-employees

who were trying to restore service.

September 23, 1975, was a Tuesday not soon forgotten. This was the day Hurricane Eloise struck causing \$100,000,000 in damage to the electrical system. It took a week of around-the-clock work to restore everyone's electrical service. It remains the worst outage in your cooperative's history.

Another noteworthy event of the 1970's was the rapid rise in energy costs. It began with the Arab oil embargo. Gasoline shortages and tremendous price increases were followed by several rate increases. This period of much higher energy conservation became popular. The wise and sensible use of electricity remains a goal for which we should all continue to strive.

With the retirement of Mr. Livings at the end of 1977, C. W. Floyd became the cooperative's manager.

When Mr. Floyd retired in 1982 Max Davis was named manager.

The 1980's has been a time of stable electric rates. The most recent rate increase was in 1981. The last several years have seen the addition of modern equipment. This has meant increased reliability and efficiency of the distribution system. A modern computer now does much of the work previously done by hand. The rapidly changing technology of recent years means many exciting changes for the future.

The motto of the Cooperative was the same 50 years ago as it is now "Owned by those we serve." The success of today's farmer goes hand in hand with the success of rural electric cooperatives. South Alabama Electric Cooperative has come a long way in the past 50 years and we look forward to the next 50 with great anticipation.

Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble did not have the luxury of electricity like we do today. Thank you SAEC for making our lives a little more comfortable.

Pike County Bank

231 Bypass Troy, Al. 36081
Phone: 566-6000

Congratulations SAEC on your 50th Anniversary. We recognize the many contributions made to your community by this progressive organization.

Florida Transformer, Inc.

Rt. 4 Box 42 K
Defuniak Springs, Fla.
Phone: 1-904-892-2711

Congratulations South Alabama Electric
* We wish you 50 more years of continued success.

Hatfield & Company

550 Lesesne Street
Mobile, Al. 36606
Phone: 476-1445

Serving You Through the Years

It seems that nothing is as simple as it used to be. Cars, appliances, the fine-print on insurance policies... everything is complicated.

Unfortunately, that is true of providing you with reliable electric service, too. On the surface, electricity seems like such a simple thing. You can't see it, can't smell it, you flip the switch and it's there, doing whatever it is that it does. It seems to be available in inexhaustible supply. It seems as much a part of our lives as the air we breathe; the air is free, shouldn't our electricity be, too?

We all know that electricity is not free. That's because it's a product, manufactured by equipment that's very costly, subject to strict governmental regulations. It's also a commodity that can be dangerous if not properly used. Using electricity properly and delivering it safely, requires still more costly, complicated equipment, and the labor of people who have a thorough understanding of the complexities. This seemingly simple but actually very complex thing is what we call electric service.

Back in the early days of South Alabama Electric, things were simple in comparison to today. Building South Alabama's nearly 2,000 miles of lines was a gigantic job. Apart from that it was a matter of showing rural people how dependable and affordable electric service could brighten their lives.

South Alabama's Board of Trustees oversees a highly sophisticated utility system. South Alabama's management is responsible for the manpower and equipment necessary to maintain reliable service through any kind of weather - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. More than 11,000 farms, homes and businesses depend on South Alabama Electric for their electric lights and power.

Among this nation's 1,000 rural electric cooperatives, South Alabama Electric has long been recognized as a leader. It earned that reputation because it was never content to do business-as-usual. Throughout the South Alabama Electric organization, from its board of trustees to its management and staff and on out to

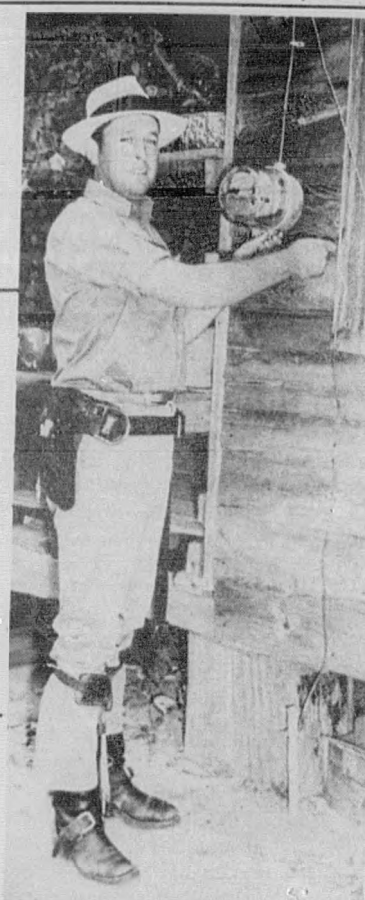
every employee in the field - there is total commitment. The notion that "if there's a service our members need that is possible for us to provide, let's do it!"

Just in the past year South Alabama has introduced more new programs. In July 1986 the cooperative began the Water Heater Program, Heat Pump rebates and Good Cents new home program. Already in place was the Energy Resource Conservation Loan Program, free energy audits, free electrical advice, and sizing and designing of heating and cooling systems.

South Alabama Electric has demonstrated that it can correct the flaws in its programs. The cooperative is willing to go far, far out of its way to develop and implement programs whose primary aim is to benefit the people who use them.

South Alabama Electric will always be an organization that's changing, always looking for new ways to do old jobs better and looking for new jobs that need doing.

The Cooperative has over 11,000 meters on its electric system. Clayton Golden is shown installing a meter during the early days of the cooperative's history.



Cooperatives Join Forces

It's hard to imagine, but Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties were once without electricity.

And it hadn't been that long ago, either.

Private power companies had refused to serve rural areas because it was not profitable for them. In the late 1930's and early 1940's rural electric cooperatives were being formed across the nation to bring electricity to the rural areas of America.

The early pioneers knew there would need to be a means of generating electricity. Many rural electric cooperatives joined together and formed their own generation and transmission cooperative. A generation and transmission cooperative is one whose sole responsibility is to generate and transmit electricity to its member-owners at the lowest possible cost.

On June 24, 1941, 12 rural electric cooperatives met in Montgomery and formed their own generation and transmission cooperative - Alabama Electric Cooperative.

Due to World War II, any progress in getting operations underway was delayed until 1944 when AEC completed negotiations with the Alabama Water Service Company for the purchase of its generation and transmission system in south Alabama.

In addition to the 12 distribution cooperatives that had earlier formed AEC, three Alabama cities - Andalusia, Opp, Elba - joined in these negotiations. These three cities also became member-owners of AEC. The City of Brundidge would later join.

Opp and Nicotolas Cotton Mills, industrial customers of Alabama Water

Service, were also admitted to membership in Alabama Electric.

Today, member owners include 16 distribution cooperatives in Alabama and Florida, the cities of Andalusia, Brundidge, Elba, and Opp, and the Opp and Nicotolas Mills.

About 800,000 consumers in Alabama and Florida benefit from the reliable electric power generated by AEC. AEC is the only generation and transmission cooperative in Alabama.

To meet the ever growing demand for electricity, AEC operates generating facilities in both Covington and Washington counties of Alabama. A single gas turbine generation unit is located at Portland, Florida.

AEC has the McWilliams Power Plant at Gantt, a 43 megawatt coal-fired plant. The first unit at the plant was placed in operation in 1954. Hydroelectric facilities on the Conecuh River at Gantt and Point "A" have a combined capability of about

four megawatts.

AEC's major generating facility is located at Leroy, Alabama on the Tombigbee River about 60 miles north of Mobile.

The Tombigbee Power Plant, representing an investment of over \$300 million, has three generating units - one 755 megawatt unit and two identical 255 megawatt units. The smaller of the three units was completed in 1969. The two others were completed in 1978 and 1979.

The coal-fired generating plant operates around the clock to supply electricity to consumers living in 35 Alabama counties and 10 counties in the panhandle of Florida.

While the headquarters of AEC is in Andalusia, AEC also has district service centers in Chipley, Florida; Leroy, Alabama; and in Baldwin County, Alabama. Employees in these service centers are responsible for maintenance and repair on AEC facilities in their areas.

Building and maintaining almost 2,000 miles of line has not been an easy task. Here Ray West reads himself to climb the pole.



Ground breaking in 1965 for South Alabama Electric Cooperative's new headquarters was a major milestone. The headquarters today is still located on highway 231 south of Troy.



Rural Electricity Raises Standard of Living

If rural life fifty years ago is remembered with nostalgia, it is also remembered for its primitive conditions and drudgery.

While the cities were lighting up shortly after Thomas A. Edison built the first central electric station system in 1882, many years passed while rural America waited for electric lights and power. As late as the mid-1930's nine out of 10 rural homes were without electric service.

No one talked about agriculture as

an industry, because all the work had to be performed by manpower, animal power and gasoline-driven tractors.

Farmers milked cows by hand. Children studied in the dim light of kerosene lanterns. Kerosene lamps provided the only illumination in most farm homes. Farm wives were slaves to the wood range and the washboard. Water had to be pumped by hand from a well in the yard and carried by the bucketful into the

house. Keeping food fresh depended on ice cut from a pond in winter and stored underground. Bathrooms consisted of outdoor "privies".

By the early 1920's, a growing number of farm leaders demanded electric power, insisting that rural residents needed electricity under rates and conditions comparable to city people. As a rule, farmers had to pay \$2,000-\$3,000 per mile for construction of lines to their homesteads, and usually had to pay

more for the electricity they used than did city people.

The idea of federal assistance to accomplish rural electrification grew strong under the New Deal Administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

South Alabama Electric Cooperative was organized on June 17, 1937. Shortly thereafter a loan was made from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

Today, more than 99 percent of rural America receives central station electric power. This can be credited to the hard work and perseverance of rural residents themselves. It was the rural people who organized rural electric cooperatives and assumed the responsibility of repaying the government.

No other program has contributed as much to raising the standard of rural living as rural electrification.



In the early days... When electricity first came to rural Alabama in the late 1930's and early 1940's, one area of the household that changed dramatically was the kitchen.



If there is one innovation that best symbolizes rural electrification, it is the light bulb. Rural residents receiving electricity for the first time in the late 1930's and early 1940's wasted little time in dangling a light bulb with a pull cord in each room. G.W. Howard of Banks turns on his porch light.

Thanks SAEC for your business and dependable service. We are looking forward to working with you for the continual growth and success of our county.

First Alabama Bank

Court Square
University Branch
Goshen Branch
Phone: 566-2270

Congratulations to South Alabama Electric Cooperative on 50 years of a job well done.

T.R. Miller Mill Co., Inc.

P.O. Box 708
Brewton, Al. 36427



Congratulations SAEC!!

Brasfield Sales, Inc.

Birmingham, Al.
Phone: 967-2577

Howard Industries

Laurel, Miss.
Phone: 601-425-3151

Employees Most Important Asset at South Alabama Electric

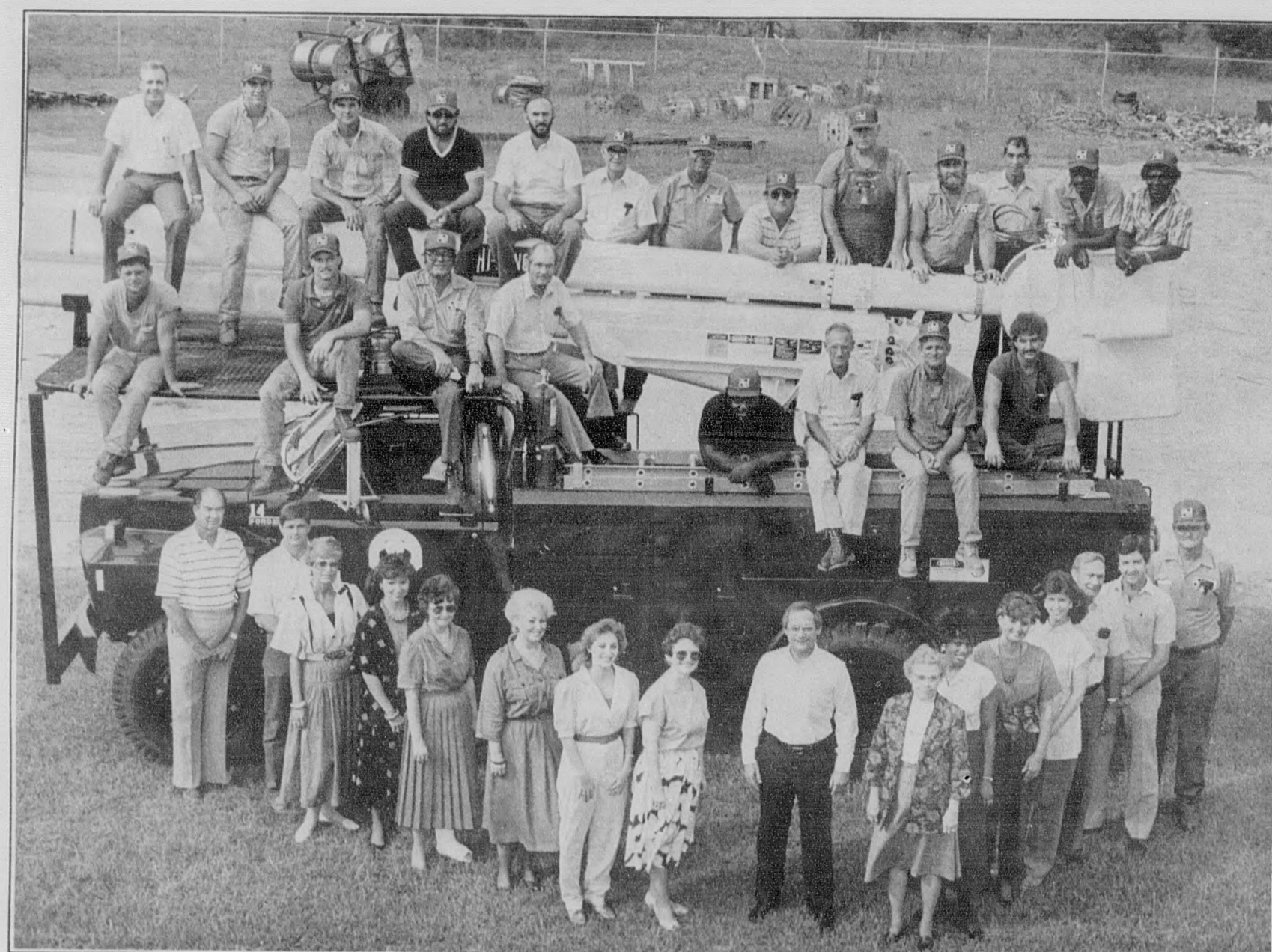
South Alabama Electric Cooperative is much more than just an office building or service trucks or a system of distribution lines. While these physical assets are important, they take second billing to SAEC's most important asset of all -- its' employees.

"We recognize that our employees are SAEC's most critical and valuable asset," said SAEC General Manager Max Davis. "We strive to employ top-notch people, provide opportunities for their continuing education and reward them for performance," he added. "Good

people cost less because of their greater output." SAEC has 46 people employed. "The operations of SAEC are complex and require personnel who have expertise in both professional and technical areas," Davis explained. Of the 46 employees, 7 have four

year college degrees, with the average age being 41 years old. The 46 employees have a combined total of 756 years of experience working for the cooperative.

Cooperative employees are encouraged to become active members of the community in which they live and work. Chances are you know at least some of the employees as friends and neighbors in your community.



It has been our pleasure to serve you during the past 50 years. We work hard, and we work with your best interest in mind. Thank you for your patience, for your interest, and for your support in the years to come.

June 1953

Alabama Rural Electric News

ARE YOU BUYING OR SELLING YOUR WIFE?

You can bargain for conditions under which your wife will live her life; the way to ease household drudgery is through the many advantages offered by electricity. "the world's greatest wife saver".

ESTIMATE YEARLY SAVINGS

OF TIME BY THE USE OF SEVEN MAJOR PIECES OF HOME ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

AN ELECTRIC WATER SYSTEM WILL SAVE (based on 3 hours and 7 minutes a week spent in carrying water where running water is not available) - 28 days.

AN ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR WILL SAVE (time saved in carrying, storing, and removing foods and cleaning time compared with use of a cellar house) - 8 1/4 days.

AN ELECTRIC WASHER WILL SAVE (Compared with hand cleaning methods) 6 1/2 to 32 days.

AN ELECTRIC IRONER WILL

SAVE (compared with a sadiron; based on an average washing of 37 pounds of dry clothes per week) - 11 days.

AN ELECTRIC RANGE (based on time saved in care and cleaning, compared to a coal range) - 14 days.

A VACUUM CLEANER WILL SAVE (as compared with hand cleaning methods) 6 1/2 to 32 days.

NOTE: The days saved are 8-hour working days.

The Future is Electricity and SAEC has it

The future is electricity and South Alabama Electric Cooperative has the "grow power" for the continued expansion and prosperity of the areas we serve.

The Cooperative has demonstrated its ability to meet the needs of its members with reliable electric energy.

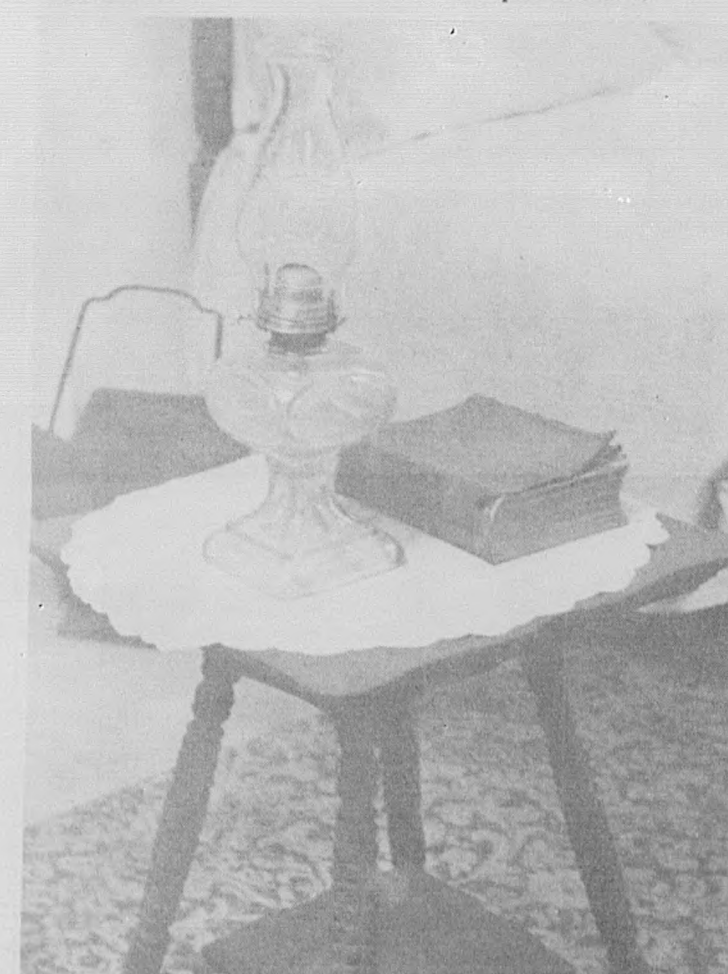
The Cooperative is proud of its heritage and looks forward to the future with the same enthusiasm and dedication to service it had when it was created 50 years ago by men and women who simply wanted electricity in their homes, farms and businesses.

The 50th Anniversary celebration of South Alabama Electric Cooperative has given an occasion for reminiscing. The present as well as the future is very important to South Alabama Electric. The Cooperative continues to play an important role as a local business. The cooperative's efforts in the area of community development plays an integral part in a growing and changing rural Alabama.

By providing an adequate and reliable source of electricity over the last half century, we are dedicated to continued growth. The future is electricity, and South Alabama Electric Cooperative has it.



Computers are an integral part of the work at South Alabama Electric. The work orders, cost accounting, payroll, consumer billing, capital credits, general ledger, accounts payable, inventory, purchase orders and vehicle analysis are all processed by computer.



In the earlier days, the circle of light cast by a kerosene lamp was small. Evening was often the only time for reading and the only light came from kerosene lamps.



Wyndel Eiland installs a Good Cents sign for a home that has been built to energy efficiency standards and has installed energy efficient equipment.

Congratulations SAEC on 50 years of a job well done.

MACK ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.

412 North Foster Street
Dothan, Al 36302
Phone: 792-2111

Congratulations South Alabama Electric Cooperative on your 50 years of service to Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw Counties.....

Dooley's Small Motors
303 Corman Avenue
Troy, Al. 36081
566-1235

A toast to SAEC! Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary. We appreciate the electrical service you help provide our community.

THE TROY PROGRESS

1953 Alabama Electric News

Are you weary of endless washing...toting heavy baskets...waiting on the weather...hanging clothes in a dingy basement? Beginning now, all this can be changed.

Jan. '54 Alabama Electric News

From the standpoint of your Cooperative's progress, 1953 has been fairly satisfactory, thanks to you and your interest. It is my sincere desire that your interest and support in 1954 will continue. Your Electric Cooperative's progress means your progress too. Your cooperative belongs to you and your neighbor. It was organized to help improve your living standards, reduce drudgery, and achieve more efficient farm production. It has done just that!

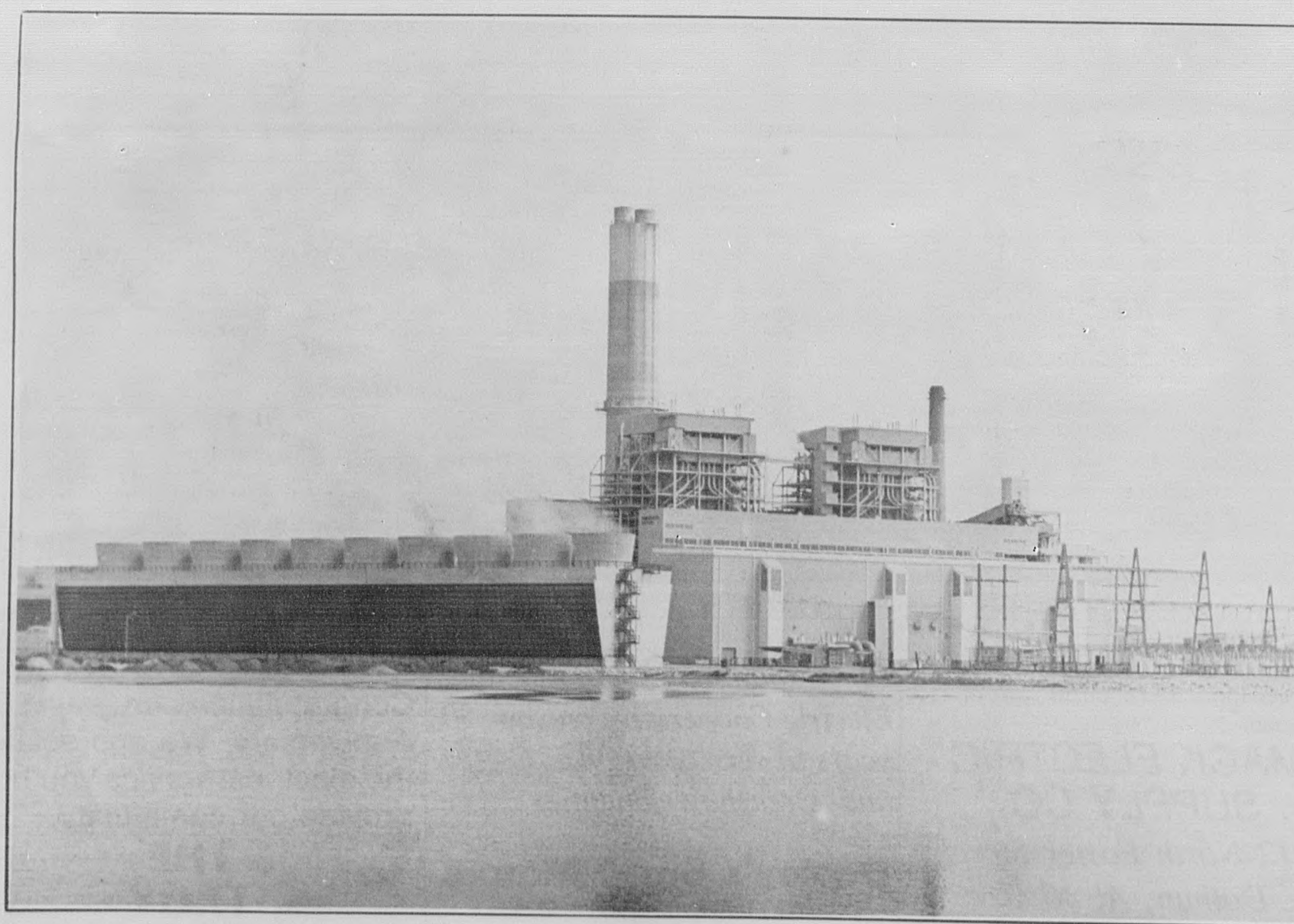
ends the drudgery of old fashioned washing and takes minutes instead of hours a day. In this handsome automatic laundry team clothes are washed really clean...dried safely and fluffly soft...whenever you want, at the turn of a knob.

When the Rural Electrification Program was launched in 1935 only about 11% of the nation's farms had electricity. Today, about 18 years later, approximately 85% of the nation's farms have electricity. All over America farmers have installed electric ranges, refrigerators, water systems and other modern conveniences. Electricity is used in dairying, in raising pigs and poultry, and in many other ways.

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Calvin Head points to the fact that the water heaters being distributed by the cooperative are energy efficient due to the R 20 insulation that is built around the tank.



Alabama Electric Cooperative relies on the Tombigbee Power Plant to generate most of the electricity which is distributed to the co-op's 22 member owners, which includes South Alabama Electric Cooperative. The Tombigbee Plant is located at Leroy, Alabama, about 60 miles north of Mobile in Washington County.

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The farmers can be up front in the parade of progress. What has done MORE for the farmer than electricity? You think it over and tell me. It is a priceless tool that has no equal as to efficiency and diversification. It has been a pleasure to serve you and our goal in the future remains the same as in the past. "More adequate and dependable electric service at the lowest possible cost."

Congratulations! These consumers are enjoying recently installed television sets. Congratulations to them and to any others who may be enjoying televi-

sion at home:

Mrs. J. H. Schuessler, H. A. Welch, Jr., Mrs. Mildred Shanks, Gary Dorrell, Ralph Hixon, Quinton G. Dykes, Willie McVay, Charles W. Stephens, Fred Livingston, J. C. Haisten, Amos Sanders, Kyle Brantley, Joe J. Wiggins, J. B. Bowden, James McPherson, M. T. Dubose, Hill Graves, Flowers, Durwood Kelley, R. W. Kelley, O. L. Davenport.

H. B. Sikes, J. D. McCorley, Ray Johnston, Perkins Barnett, Virgil Dunn, W. R. Davis, Sr., Mrs. Jim Powell, C. F. White, Herman Dismukes, James Wood.

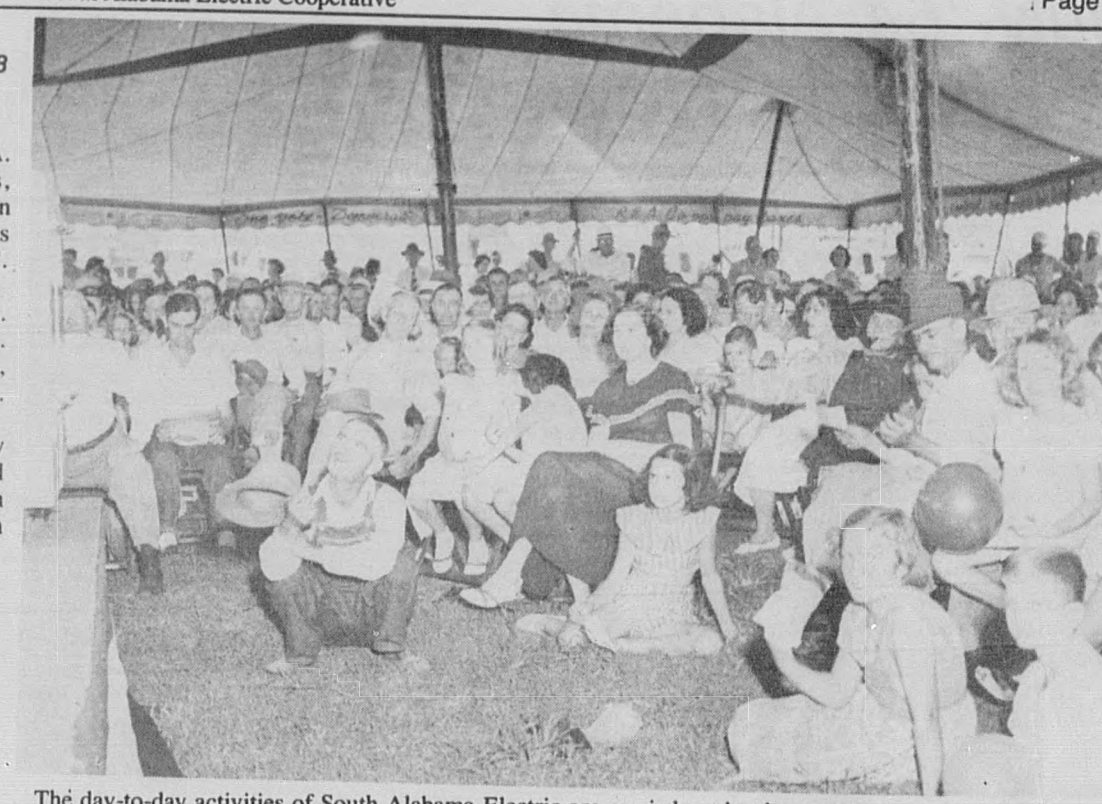
April '54 Alabama Electric News

Sixteen Years of Rural Electric Progress April 4 marked sixteen successful years of brightening the lives of rural folks in Coffee, Crenshaw and Pike Counties by South Alabama Electric Cooperative. It was on that date that your cooperative sent its first electricity into the homes of its charter members. When it made its pioneer beginning it only had 359 miles of lines serving 1,077 rural consumers. At the end of December, 1953, we had

1,701 miles of line serving 6,542 consumers.

Then and Now

In the beginning, old kerosene lamps hung from a nail at milking time and the flickering oil lamps gave a dim, inadequate light for reading and school work. Farmers' wives carried water by hand, cooked over hot wood fires, bent over steaming wash tubs, kept their milk and butter in the old spring house, and dreamed of electrical conveniences



The day-to-day activities of South Alabama Electric are carried out by the manager and his staff. On annual meeting day, the members assume control. They assemble in the meeting, hear and act upon the reports of their officers and employees, and elect new trustees.

that seemed to stop somehow at the end of the city streets. In yesteryear the coming of night brought cessation to all outdoor activities of honest folk. Only thugs and burglars plied their nefarious trades under the dark mantle of night. Although it is true that rows of flickering candles might dispel the gloom of darkness for the more fortunate of earth's dwellers, the countryman in his humble abode would eat his evening meal by the indistinct light of a flickering fire, or the odorous sputtering flame of a pine torch. Truly, then of necessity, man's work was "from sun to sun."

From these days, however, the advent of whale oil lamps, tallow candles, gas, kerosene, and finally electricity has wrought a significant change in man's customs and habits. No longer need the traveler fear being overtaken before the journey's end, or the craftsman be compelled to lay his work aside because of failing light. For the farmer and the city dweller alike, electricity changes night into day, and allows pursuit of many occupations throughout every hour of the day and night.

Beginning In 1935 REA was born. The

governmental agency offered to loan money to existing power companies, but still there was very little progress. Finally farmers were given the opportunity to join together in electric cooperatives to build their own power lines. Could they do it? Born and bred in the free enterprise tradition of log rollings, quilting bees, barn raising, and threshing rings, where neighbors join hands on jobs too big for any individual to tackle alone, the farmers answer echoed back from all over rural America. "YES," and so, the work began. In the beginning there was much to be done. Board members of the cooperatives together with countless community leaders, had to sign up members, collect membership fees, convince their neighbors that the cooperative plan would work...that they would get lights. In the country, farms were far apart, poles and wire cost a lot of money and most folks thought farms wouldn't use enough to make it pay. But the pioneer leaders stuck to their guns; they kept working, driving the roads, getting permission to set poles, getting the loan applications sent in and finally had the loan approved. Then they let contracts for building lines. There were happy families as cooperative

poles marched down the roads to their farms.

A New Business is Born And so this same procedure was followed through, and, in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama, the South Alabama Electric Cooperative was formed. Organization was completed and by-laws adopted on June 24, 1937. Application was made to REA for a loan in the amount of \$359,000.00 with which to begin construction of power lines and other facilities, so April 3, 1938, was the great day for our cooperative. Regardless of what skeptics said, and contrary to what many people believe, South Alabama Electric Cooperative is not government subsidized - not run by the government - and is not an agency of the government. It is locally-owned, and business managed. It is steadily repaying its loans (plus interest) and will belong directly to its members when the loans are repaid. South Alabama Electric Cooperative pays all taxes paid by any other utility, except income tax. A non-profit organization, it has no income on which to pay tax. But it has paid many thousands of dollars in taxes in the area in which it operates.

The light of a single candle. Thanks to the 50 years of excellent service and perseverance of South Alabama Electric Cooperative, the light of a candle is something now thought of for romantic effect, not the illumination of homes.

TROY STATE UNIVERSITY

Thanks to the service of SAEC, energy is delivered to light our streets and our homes. SAEC, thank you for the electrical services you provide to us. Success takes good planning.

Steed Tire Service

220 South Main Street
Brundidge, Alabama 36101
Phone: 735-2306

Thanks SAEC for your business and dependable service. We are looking forward to working with you for the continual growth and success of our county.

Troy Ford-Nissan

Highway 231 ByPass
Troy, Alabama 36081
Phone: 566-7350

July '54 Alabama Electric News

Accomplishments Through Cooperation

Since the dawn of history, man has found it necessary to work together to obtain the things desirable or essential to existence, whether it be to track down and destroy their common enemies or to obtain and protect the things desired for a more abundant and satisfactory method of life. Our pioneering forefathers banded together to clear this great land, rebuild their homes, schools, churches and community life, and set for us a fine example of the benefits to be derived from working together. In no single line of endeavor has this been shown to be so beneficial to so many people as has been the case with Rural Electrification.

Born of necessity, nurtured in hope, and developed with only the desire to be of service to our local communities, the thousands of miles of lines extending over and across rural America today, will always stand as a memorial to the foresight and hard work, against severe handicaps, of those who brought these systems into being. Today, South Alabama Electric Cooperative takes its place in the life of America as an efficient, necessary and smooth functioning organization, a very good example of what can be accomplished when we really put our shoulders to the wheel and push forward together. South Alabama Electric Cooperative has brought about a new era of modern living and made possible a high standard of living for its members, and we, the employees, are proud that we are a small part of such a fine organization.

Advantages of the Capital Credit Plan

The Capital Credit Plan was adopted by the members present at the 1949 annual meeting. This plan is a method of operation whereby every patron will receive full credit for any amount he pays in excess of the actual cost of service from 1949 forward. It assures service at cost and a constant increase in ownership. It maintains and reflects accurately the non-profit status of your cooperative. It credits to all patrons the savings and other benefits of non-profit operation. It gives each patron full credit for any capital furnished by him, and provides for eventual repayment of this capital. It provides each patron with electric service without too much strain on his finance and without any financial risk.

Cash Refunds
It stands to reason that the excess receipts cannot be returned to the patrons immediately in the form of cash refunds. These excess receipts are used by the cooperative to meet its monthly expenses until such time that it has reached a financial condition which will permit it to refund in cash, without running the risk of not being able to meet all of its cash

obligations as they become due.

Since the beginning of this year (1954), it has been the opinion of the Board of Trustees that the present financial condition of your cooperative was such that some cash could be refunded. They requested the Rural Electrification Administration's approval for refunding capital credits for 1949 and 1950. This request was approved in May of this year (1954). The refund will be made in the order received. This means, for example, that no capital furnished by the patrons in a particular year will be refunded until all the capital furnished in the preceding years have been returned. This does not mean that beginning with this year you are to have a cash refund each year. You will have it only if it is available and can be paid without injury to the financial condition of your cooperative.

New Home Along the Lines

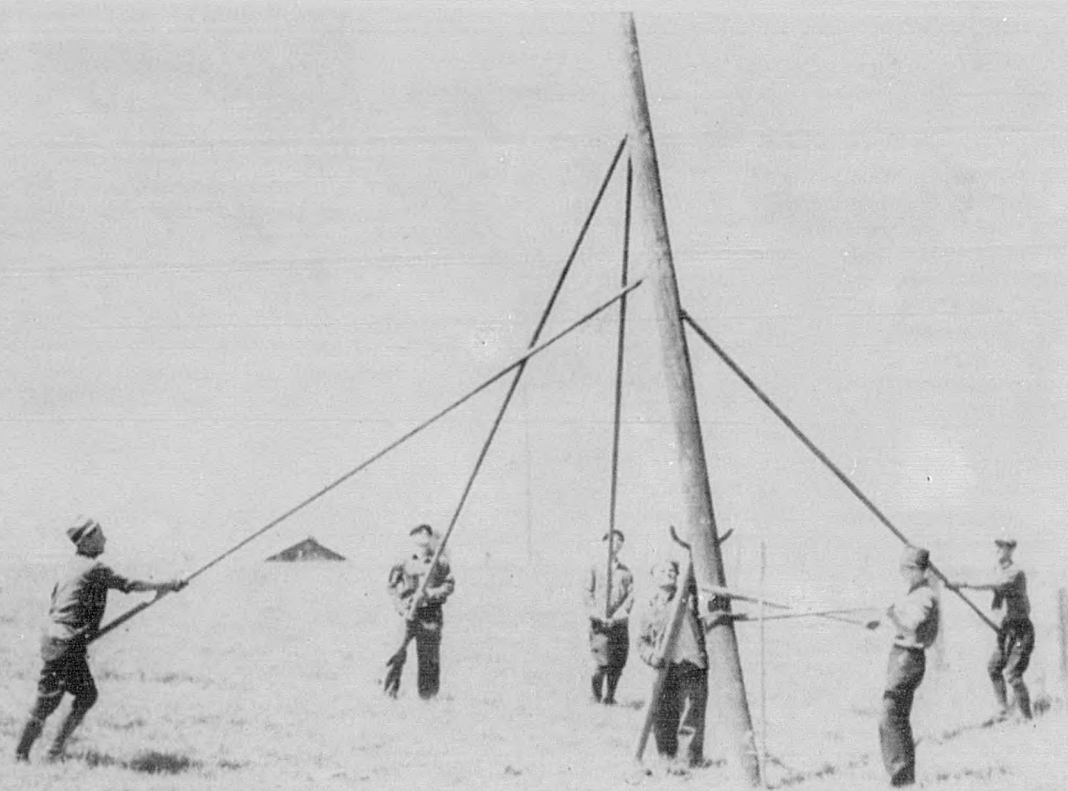
South Alabama Electric Cooperative is fortunate in having in its service area any number of new homes who are enjoying many modern conveniences. We are glad that we can play a part in making it possible for our friends to have every convenience possible. Congratulations to the following who built new homes in 1953, and to all others who have comparatively new homes: Ferrell Gibson, Jack Jones, Grady Ziglar, Leo Williams, Aubrey Messick, Irvin Davenport, Alva Register, Manley Green, J. D. McCortley, Rex Carlisle, John Whiteside, Louis Courson, Jack Swindall, Alex Brantley, Green Dunn, J.L. Allen, M.V. Worthington, Earnest Kelley, Eugene Murphy, Needam Canty.

Consumer Installs New Water System

One of our "all-electric" families whom we are proud to recognize is the J.K. Bradley family of Rt. 1, Luverne, Ala. Just recently they installed an electric water system. This has been their home for the past nine years, and an open-type well has been supplying this family of seven as well as all their livestock, in talking with this family, we asked just who had been responsible for carrying the most water from this open-type well, and as is the case usually, the mother was burdened with this chore. Just think of all the memories of backaches which will be relieved by this pump.

Mr. Bradley is making definite plans for a pump house just as soon as he can get it built; also an electric water heater and a bathroom to accommodate his family. They are already enjoying an electric range previously installed.

We feel sure that the amount of increase in the KWH consumption and in the amount of the bill for this family of seven will by no means be an increase in expense when actually compared with benefits and pleasures which will be gained by having this pump and other appliances.



Raising a pole in the 1930's

Historical Marker Dedicated

South Alabama Electric Cooperative dedicated a historical marker at the Goshen Substation on May 29. The cooperative was organized on June 17, 1937. The first lines were energized at the Goshen substation at 11:26 on April 4, 1938. The first 86 miles of electric lines served 170 members.

Marion Sanders, president of the board of trustees for SAEC, recalled the dedication of the rural leaders who

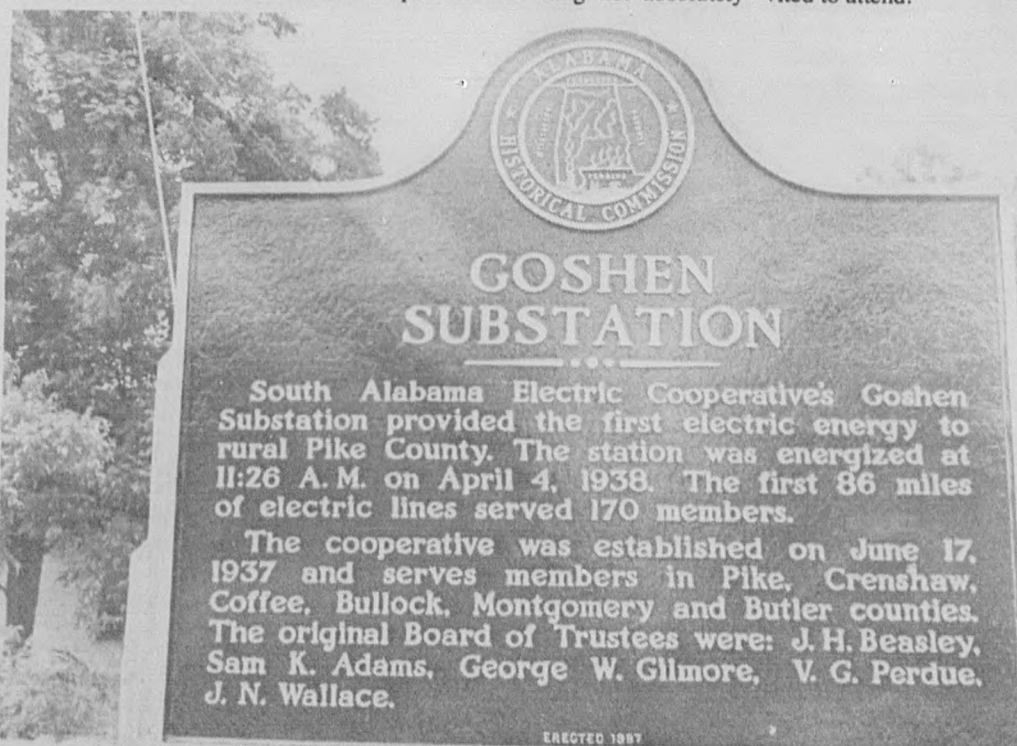
fought for the program. He said, "Rural electrification has withstood the test of all times, the test of time."

The original board of trustees were J.H. Beasley, Sam K. Adams, George W. Gilmore, V.G. Perdue and J.N. Wallace.

"Electricity in the beginning was viewed as a luxury or at least looked upon as one thing not absolutely

necessary. Today it has become the center of the survival of our society," said Max Davis, cooperative manager.

The cooperative is celebrating 50 years of service to Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties. There will be an open house on Wednesday, June 17 from 3 until 6 p.m. held at the cooperative headquarters on Highway 231 south of Troy. The public is invited to attend.



New historic marker at Goshen Substation

Employees Recall Changes Over the Years

As the fifty year mark nears for South Alabama Electric Cooperative, employees are often heard reminiscing about the way it was - before the calculator or the computer or even the bucket and hydraulic trucks.

Calvin Head, an employee at South Alabama Electric Cooperative, remembers when electricity came to this area.

"Without electricity, life on the farm was rather primitive. One of the things electricity brought for most homes was running water. Before that the water system was one of the toughest, most inadequate things that farmers had to deal with. Light was also very limited, with kerosene lanterns you could only see a short distance," replied Head.

Head remembers all the work that went into stretching the lines from farm to farm. "Poles were drawn out and dropped along the road, most of the line didn't follow roads so the farmers just skidded them out with their horses. The holes for the poles were dug by hand. Most of the poles were lifted with pike poles. The wire was pulled up with block and tackles in long strands. Hitched to a team of horses, the wire was stretched as far as possible."

"Lights were the most essential thing and that is what everybody first thought of when electricity was available. One of the first things my family bought was a refrigerator. People bought things as quickly as they could afford them. In the late 1930s, even though it wasn't considered part of the depression, money was very short for most families," Head said.

Malcolm Bundrick has seen a lot of changes at SAEC during his 27 years there. Many of the changes have had a direct effect on the bills that cooperative members receive. Bundrick is the office manager.

"There has been a tremendous change in office equipment over the years. The desk calculator wasn't available in the early days. On the old rotary calculators you had to hold a button down for so many seconds to

multiply something. Back in those days we did our billing on mechanical billing machines. Now everything is done by computer," replied Bundrick.

Bundrick believes that the cooperative will continue to update the computer equipment to the next step in the computer family to add more capacity.

"We are figuring out ways for members to use electricity more efficiently through our marketing programs. We are trying to hold down usage during peak hours through the installation of our super insulated large capacity water heaters."

"Right now our members read their own meters. With equipment that has been invented recently, eventually we may be able to read member's meters automatically with equipment here in the office. It would make everything more efficient. That is definitely in the future because there are some utilities that are using it now," Bundrick said.

"I think a great number of people take electricity for granted. It is a rather complicated procedure to make sure that adequate power is provided for all members on the basis of a very few outages," said Wyndel Eiland.

The person making that statement is qualified, he has worked at the cooperative since 1959. Wyndel Eiland is the Member Service Director for the cooperative. The duties of his department include everything from the cooperative's marketing program to communication, to power theft, to making contact with members on wiring problems.

"I think electricity is just a necessity now for the homeowners. People rely on it to a much greater degree than they did years ago. Years ago it was used to power simple types of equipment; people didn't use nearly as much electricity and had fewer appliances. Today we rely on it for everything from heat to power to light to electronics," replied Eiland.

Eiland says that members react differently now to brief interruptions in service than they did years ago.



South Alabama Electric Cooperative employees Wyndel Eiland, Calvin Head, Malcolm Bundrick and Grady Motes reflect on the changes brought about by rural electrification.

"Because of the things they used it for members could get along without it for greater periods of time than they can today. The average member is very concerned about not only having adequate service, but good service continuously, reducing the number of outages to a bare minimum. This is obvious because we have members call and report blinks in lights when they have to reset their digital clocks, the VCR and their microwave timers," said Eiland.

Grady Motes has been a part of South Alabama Electric Cooperative since 1946. As Superintendent of Operations, he is responsible for the maintenance of the system and building new lines. According to Motes, things have

changed quite a bit in the last 30 years.

"During World War II, there were no lines built. When the war was over in 1945, we had to get electricity to all the people who had signed up for it during those years. Then, the cooperative contracted out all labor such as mapping, inventory and the building of power lines. The only employees were the manager, bookkeeper and service crews."

"In 1946, we contracted out 125 miles of line to be built and in 1947 over 1600 miles of line to be built. For most people, the biggest holdup was the requirement of a minimum of 3 houses to a mile of line."

"Unlike today, everything was done by hand. Back then construction crews consisted of at least 6 to 10 men and it took up to three hours to put up

one pole. Today construction crews consist of 2 men and it only takes about 10 minutes to put up one pole."

"The only way of transporting the poles to the site was on an A-frame truck which would hold 5 poles at a time. All the holes which had to be six feet deep had to be dug by hand."

After digging 4 feet, the person digging the hole would take a hole digger and loosen the dirt and then take a shovel that was shaped like a spoon and spoon the dirt out.

"In 1950, we stopped contracting and started building our own lines. We bought several trucks and hired some extra men. We didn't get our first bucket truck until 1962. Things have changed over the years, and I expect more changes to occur in the future," replied Motes.



Max Davis

Cooperative Salutes People of Past

South Alabama Electric Cooperative will commemorate their observance of the cooperative's 50th Anniversary with an Open House on June 17 at the cooperative headquarters.

The official anniversary of the cooperative is June 17, 1987, the 50th anniversary of the organization of the cooperative.

"Rural electrification is such an important development in rural America that one fleeting observance of its anniversary simply is not adequate," said Max Davis, manager of South Alabama Electric Cooperative.

"Prior to the establishment of REA as the primary mechanism to get electricity to the countryside, only about one in 10 farms were electrified, and thousands of other rural residents had to watch the lights of the cities reflected over the horizon while they struggled to bring water to the house in hand-carried buckets, while their children studied by smoky kerosene lamps or by the light of the fireplace," Davis continued.

"Today, just about everyone in rural America can receive electric power, and the rural electrification program carried out through REA is a very important reason for that," Davis said.

"But there's another important component of this program as well," he said, "and that's the people—the people who went around and collected the 35 membership fee from their neighbors, the people who hitched up their teams and carried poles and wire throughout the countryside to hook up rural residents to the miracle of electricity, the people who continue today to take a leading role in the running of their consumer-owned rural electric system."

It's these people we honor as we look forward to the cooperative's 50th Anniversary and to the challenges of the next 50 years," Davis said.

South Alabama Electric Cooperative is a rural electric cooperative serving 11,000 members in rural Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw counties. The cooperative's lines stretch over 2,000 miles, with an average of 5 meters per mile of line.

It was organized on June 17, 1937. The first lines were energized in 1938 at the Goshen substation. The original incorporators of the cooperative were as follows:

J.H. Beasley of Andalusia, George W. Gilmore of Troy, J.N. Wallace of New Brockton, V.G. Perdue of Luverne and Sam K. Adams of Clayton.

Board Members Reflect on 50th Anniversary

The Board of Trustees for South Alabama Electric Cooperative are proud to be a part of the Cooperative's 50th anniversary.

Marion Sanders, president of the Board of Trustees believes that the cooperative is blessed with good management and employees. He sees the board as providing direction for the manager.

J.A. Young was appointed to a surveying committee by James E. Brown, Field Representative from REA on March 4, 1937. Young was elected to the cooperative's Board of Trustees in 1948 and has served in that capacity since. Young remembers the days when board meetings were held on Saturdays. When he returned home on Saturday evenings he would work all night in the cotton gin trying to make up for the time he had been away at the board meeting.

According to Young, "I am proud to be a part of a cooperative that has been so successful in relations to its

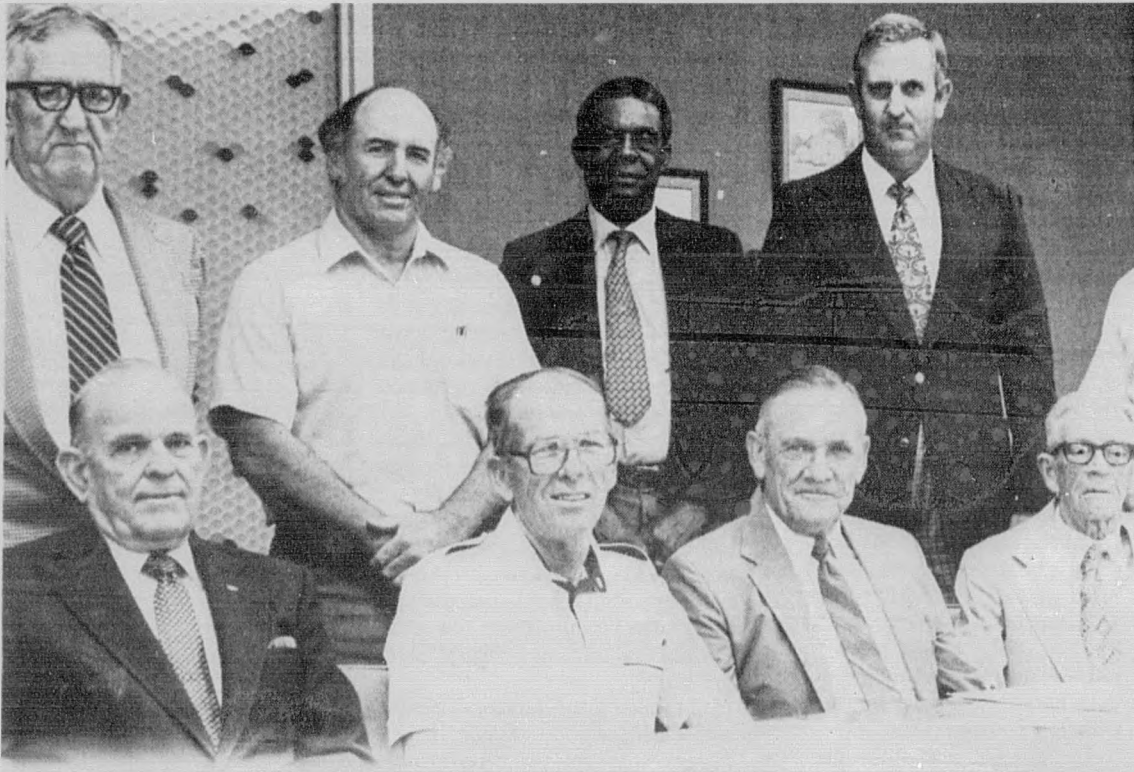
members... and I have enjoyed working with the people throughout the cooperative service area."

Trustee James R. Shaver feels that toward being a more service oriented cooperative. The first fifty years saw tremendous changes in lifestyles. People couldn't be living the way they are without electrical service. We are serving a changing membership. More members are coming from occupations other than farming.

Thomas Ray Sims has served as a trustee since 1963. Sims feels that the 50th anniversary serves as a reminder of what can actually be accomplished when a group of people put their minds together, to have taken rural areas from a point where electricity wasn't available 50 years ago, to the point where there is little difference between urban and rural standards of living. The 50th anniversary serves as a reminder of the spirit of the people who made this happen.

As trustee, Leo Williams feels that the 50th anniversary is a real landmark - that a people oriented company, formed by farmers to meet their needs by working together, has developed into an ongoing electric cooperative.

Jessie Salter has been a trustee since 1974. As trustee, he hopes to keep rates affordable. Because of the changes in membership, South Alabama Electric Cooperative is becoming more service and member



The present members of the board of trustees of South Alabama Electric Cooperative are front row, Leo Williams, Robert Barbaree, vice-president; Martin Sanders, president; J.A. Young, secretary-treasurer; back row, T.R. Sims, James R. Shaver, Jessie Salter and Norman Green.

oriented, without losing sight of the cooperative's original goal of supplying electricity at the lowest possible cost.

Trustee Norman D. Green believes

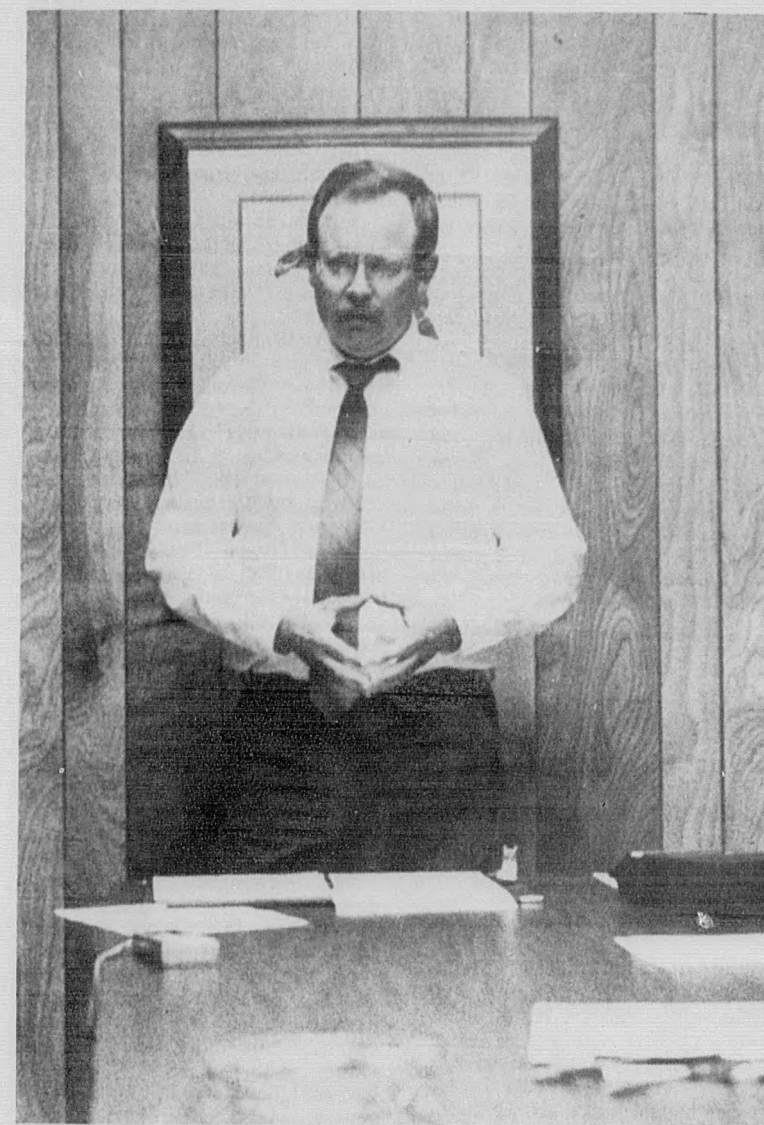
South Alabama Electric Cooperative has reached an important point in history - the 50th anniversary of rural electrification in this area. South Alabama Electric is building on many

new positive things. Green feels that the key to the next 50 years is staying abreast of new technology - like satellite TV. Education will also continue to be an important part of the next 50 years.



Preparing food without electricity

The Elba Clipper



Human Resource Attorney Paul Young relates actual histories to board members at quarterly meeting on Thursday, June 11.

County firefighters told tobacco tax collection may begin July 1

Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson announced last week that the county's tax on tobacco products earmarked for use by the county's volunteer fire departments has been approved by the legislature and could be collected as soon as July 1.

The announcement came on Wednesday, June 10, at a press conference and Judge Brunson stated that since the local bill had received approval the proper paperwork for the tax ordinance would be obtained from the state revenue commissioner and would be completed by the county attorney. The ordinance would then go back to the revenue commissioner for final approval and at that time the tax would actually begin being collected.

"The tobacco tax will be collected and distributed from the state level," stated Judge Brunson, "and the collections could begin as soon as July 1. Our fire departments need this revenue and the majority of the voters recognized the need when they voted in favor of the tax. I hope that with the additional funding the local fire departments will be able to add equipment and improve training that will help in protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Coffee County."

Ben Moates, president of the Coffee County Firefighters Association, said the news was "the best we've had in a long time" and once again spoke of the need for the

funding. Coffee County voters approved the tax in the Nov. 4, 1986, general election and the firefighters expected the approval to provide the local departments with immediate help; however, a lawsuit filed against Geneva County concerning a similar tax prompted the commission to delay implementation of the tax in Coffee County until the suit was settled.

As the lawsuit dragged on in Geneva County, the county commissioners grew weary and decided to change the wording of Coffee County's tax plan that would allow the commission to administer the funds for services rendered, a change that they hoped would eliminate a legal question concerning tax monies going to a non-governmental agency.

While the tax could begin being collected within 20 days, actual distribution to the fire departments will not come until October at the earliest, according to a spokesman for the State Revenue Dept.'s Tobacco Tax Division.

The wording of the tax law states the revenue department will collect the funds and distribute them to the county on a quarterly basis, which means the next quarterly period will end on Sept. 30 and any distribution of funds will come only after the quarter ends.

Tobacco users may begin paying the additional taxes as soon as July

1; however, stamps will not be on the various products until approximately early 1988. According to revenue officials, when the department is notified of the new tax it will then invite for bids on the production of the stamps, which will take approximately six weeks. The successful bidder will then have 120 days to deliver the stamps and the tobacco wholesalers will have until the first of the ensuing month to place the stamps on the products.

The long delay in the actual placing of the stamps on the products to be taxed could add to the delay in collecting the tax; however, a state law allows for the tax to be collected while the stamps are being made, thus avoiding the delay.

The amount of taxation will include five cents on a pack of cigarettes; two cents per cigar; two cents on a pack, can, package or container of smoking tobacco; three cents on each sack, plug, package or container of chewing tobacco and three cents on each can, bottle, glass or container of snuff.

The tax is expected to generate \$150,000 annually and will be distributed to the county's nine fire departments, with 10 percent going toward administrative costs.

Elba man arrested after pulling knife on policemen

An Elba man who reportedly pulled a knife on two Elba policemen was apprehended late Thursday afternoon, June 11, after eluding city and county law enforcement authorities for approximately an hour.

Elba Police Chief John Ed White stated that Elba police officers Cobb and Bottoms responded to a report of a fight at a residence on West Street

and attempted to arrest Johnston "Possum" Warren, age 37, only to have the subject pull a knife and flee the scene.

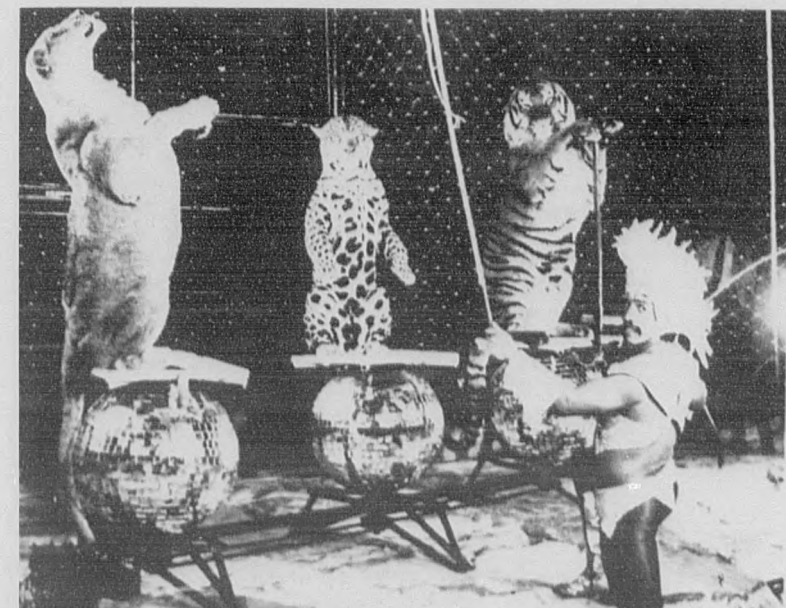
The officers called for assistance at 4:28 p.m. and members of the Elba Police Dept. and Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. responded and began an immediate manhunt in a wooded area between the Taylor Mill Road and Highway 84 West, along the levee.

Warren was spotted at approximately 5:30 by Chief Deputy Tom Weeks at the Beaverdam Creek Bridge on Highway 84 and the subject was arrested after being surrounded by law enforcement officials.

Warren was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing and escape, and placed in the Coffee County Jail.

Public Library to sponsor summer reading program

The Elba Public Library, in connection with the Alabama Public Library Service, will sponsor a summer reading program, "Be A Star," for children in grades 2-4 at the Elba Public Library beginning Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. For more information call 897-6921.



Circus coming to town

The Oscanian Circus, one of the last traveling circuses in America, will come to Elba the weekend of June 19 and everyone is invited to come out and watch the trained elephants assist in putting up the tent.

Advance tickets are available from any member of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, or through telephone promotions, and are \$5 adults and \$4 children. Special family tickets are only \$20 and the ticket will admit 2 adults and 3 children.

The Oscanian Circus, from Mexico City, Mexico, features clowns, aerialists, high wire acts and trained animals and is a show for the entire family to enjoy. The "big top" will be going up the afternoon of June 19 and everyone is invited to come out and watch the trained elephants assist in putting up the tent.

Human Resource Board told horrors of abuse in county

The Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources held its quarterly board meeting on Thursday, June 11, at Elba and heard department attorney Paul Young report on the growing problem of abuse in the area.

Young, who is a practicing attorney in Enterprise, has served as the department's attorney for the past six years, and told the board members in attendance that while statistics don't work in telling the story of abuse, and words are soon forgotten, actual case histories have a long-lasting impact.

Young told of a 7-year-old boy brought into a local emergency room with what was believed to be a gunshot wound. Further examination revealed that the boy had been tied at the hands and feet and hung upside down on a nail on the wall and beaten with sticks and an electrical cord over a long period of time. The results of the beatings were so severe the issues of the boy's buttocks had actually exploded, leaving a wound that appeared to be that of a gunshot!

The boy was also reported to have skin covering his underwear, revealing the time that had passed since the youth had changed the underwear.

"The case I have described took place here in Coffee County," said Young, "not in a big city or some foreign country, and the case is not unlike many other cases that are investigated commonly by these social workers."

"There are eight workers in this

county who must look after the needs of 40,000 people daily and attempt to serve the people and protect those in need. Eight is not enough! Do you think any of these people would have a job like this just so they could bring home a paycheck? You know better -- these social workers are devoted to the people they serve and do a damn good job!"

Mrs. Myrna Rhoades, a social worker with the county, stated she had seen both sides of the story as

both a board member and a social worker and told the members they didn't realize what was really going on in Coffee County and around the nation every day.

"Social workers are on call 24 hours a day," said Mrs. Rhoades, "and they are often called upon to work that many hours. Each worker has an average caseload of 45 cases and to work the cases like they must and serve the people who are in need of help, the workers can't watch the

clock!"

Mrs. Rhoades told of a recent child abuse case involving the alleged sexual abuse of a 4-year-old girl that resulted in numerous trips to the girl's residence during the investigation, trips to the hospital for treatment, trips to and from the girl's foster home and trips to allow the father visitation with the girl. She stated that while the workers loved their job and their clients, the

Belcher to be honored at awards dinner

The Coffee County Democratic Conference will stage its third annual "Fellowship Awards Dinner" on Saturday night, June 20, at Enterprise Junior College and among those to be honored is Mrs. Eria Belcher, who will receive an award for community service.

Mrs. Belcher, of Elba, writes a weekly column in The Elba Clipper, and is involved in numerous church activities. She is a member of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba, and is an adult Sunday School teacher, assistant pianist, vice-president of the Ladies Aid Society, member of the senior choir, secretary of the Missionary Society, member of the Pastor's Aid Club and treasurer of the Matron's Club.

Mrs. Belcher is also one of the

pianists for the Mulberry District Association, secretary of the Mulberry Baptist District Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union, and is involved in all church activities.

She is married to Grover Belcher and they have nine children, 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Others slated to be honored at the annual event include Federal Judge Myron Thompson, Circuit Judge Terry Butts and Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Henderson.

Gary Bradley named new band director at Elba High

The Elba City Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday morning, June 16, and named Gary Bradley as the new band director at

Elba High School.

Bradley is a graduate of Florida High School and Troy State University and will come to Elba from Pine Forest High School in Pensacola, Fla., where he served as the associate band director for the past three years. Prior to accepting the position at Pine Forest, Bradley served as band director at Red Level High School.

At Elba, Bradley's duties will include all music classes and both beginner and marching bands. In other action at the meeting, the board accepted the retirements of C.A. Hammonds and Mrs. Peggy Virginia DeVane.

Highway director to speak June 25

Royce King, director of the Alabama Highway Dept., will be at a special public meeting to be held next Thursday, June 25, to discuss plans for his department and answer questions from the public.

The meeting will be held in the Civic Center in Enterprise at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Smoking leads to over 5,000 deaths a year

New figures released by the Alabama Dept. of Public Health indicate that in 1985 cigarette smoking in Alabama led to an estimated 5,129 deaths, 47,711 years of life prematurely lost, and

\$891,428,494 total health dollars spent on direct and indirect costs attributable to smoking.

State epidemiologist Dr. Charles H. Woelne commented, "The burden of lost life and economic cost

Crimestoppers offer cash reward in attempt to solve rash of burglaries

The Coffee County Crimestoppers is offering a reward up to \$1,000 to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual/s responsible for a rash of burglaries at the Elba Car Wash on Reese Street.

The car wash has been burglarized twice in recent months and each time a look to a change machine was removed and the machine and

all money was taken, with a total value of \$2,500. The most recent burglaries occurred on March 27 and June 4.

Anyone having any information concerning the burglaries should contact the Elba Police Dept. or Enterprise Police Dept., and the informant does not have to identify himself, nor will he/she have to appear in court.

to Alabama due to cigarette-related illnesses is great. Since the surgeon general first documented the health hazards of cigarette smoking over 20 years ago, the evidence that smoking increases the risk of several illnesses has been mounting.

"In 1985, of those Alabamians over the age of 19, nearly 39 percent of males and 23 percent of females were estimated to be current cigarette smokers. Lung cancer, cardiovascular illnesses and respiratory conditions were the most frequent smoking-attributable causes of death, with males experiencing more deaths than females for each disease category."

"Smoking-attributable direct costs include prevention, diagnosis and treatment of smoking-related diseases. Indirect costs include the estimated costs of lost income and productivity due to disablement and premature death."